

Carlisle Trails Committee Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2019
Alan Ankers, Secretary

Attendance: Alan Ankers, Henry Cox, Louise Hara, Roy Herold, Warren Spence, Steve Tobin, Jonathan DeKock

Guests: Aidan O'Connor, Ted Selig, Adam Selig

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the March 1 meeting were approved as submitted.

CPA Funding:

Steve reported that the CPC had approved the funding request, for presentation to Town Meeting.

Permitting Process:

Steve reported that the Trails Committee was on the agenda for the April 11 ConsCom meeting to discuss the filing requirements for various activities that are less involved than boardwalk building, such as installing duck boards and repairing or partially replacing old boardwalks.

Greenough Boardwalk:

Jonathan suggested that before filing for the small new boardwalk at Greenough, the Committee should check whether there are any other small boardwalks nearby that should be included in the filing.

Banta-Davis Trail:

The work to cut the new section of trail was scheduled for Sunday April 7, at 9:30 A.M.

Community Trails Day:

Steve reported that CCF would provide T-shirts for Trails Committee members who lead walks, and encouraged members to sign up.

Rodgers Road Trail:

Jonathan noted that the muddy sections will probably require the far end of the boardwalk to be extended, by several sections. The Committee will review in the field immediately after work on the Banta-Davis trail rerouting.

Elliott Preserve:

Steve reported that the proposal for the new fence was being resubmitted to ConsCom on April 11, and he would be attending the meeting.

Slick Boardwalk Solutions:

Ted Selig reported that he had tried out various materials on wood planks as potential solutions to the slick boardwalk problem, and compared costs:

- Metal lath (concern with sharp edges)

- Chicken wire (concern with sharp edges)
- Roofing shingles
- Urethane and cement
- Cement-sand mix (did not adhere well)

Steve also noted that keeping boardwalks clean may be a potential easier solution. All agreed that the next step was for Ted to do a field trial by installing strips of each potential method in line along a length of boardwalk, covering about half of the width, leaving the other half clear. This suggestion will also be included in the presentation to ConsCom at their upcoming meeting on Thursday April 11.

Woodward Village Trails:

Steve reported that the developer, Dan Gainsborough, has agreed to a large easement allowing flexibility in location of the trails.

New Business:

Eagle Scout Project:

Aidan O'Connor asked if the Trails Committee had any projects available that might be suitable for his Eagle Scout Project. After some discussion, the rebuilding of the boardwalk off Bellows Hill Road was suggested. Aidan scheduled to meet Steve on site to look at the project. The Committee noted that the upcoming ConsCom meeting would address the filing requirements for rebuilding boardwalks, so it could be useful for him to attend.

Town Meeting Warrant Articles:

The Committee has already voted to support two requests from ConsCom: replacing the Greenough Dam, and funding the next OS&R report.

Steve asked if the Committee should take a position in regard to the proposed article related to deer hunting. The Committee unanimously voted to present the following statements:

- The Committee does not believe that the deer hunting program, as currently managed, presents a danger to trail users,
- The Committee does not support a proposal to remove the authority from the Selectmen to allow hunting.

Plan Future Activities:

A volunteer work day was scheduled for Sunday May 5. Alan will send a notice to the Mosquito and the email list.

Recent Trail Work:

Jonathan had leveled with a shovel the two rutted areas at Foss Farm South Field that made mowing difficult.

Steve cleared numerous trees from trails, including: Tophet trails, Greystone, Twin Peaks, Conant Land, Benfield, Greenough, and Davis Corridor.

Warren cleared some downed trees in the Town Forest.

Roy cleared trees from Marion's trail, Woodward land and Rockstrom trail.

Trail adopter Don Smith cleared a dead oak tangle from the Blueberry trail.

Schedule Next Meeting:

The next meeting was scheduled for May 3.