

Carlisle Trails Committee Meeting Minutes
June 28, 2019
Alan Ankers, Secretary

Attendance: Alan Ankers, Roy Herold, Marc Lamere, Warren Spence, Steve Tobin, Jonathan DeKock

Guests: Sylvia Willard, Bert Willard, Bob Goldsmith, Jim Gettys

Documents Presented:

None.

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the May 31 meeting were approved as written.

Russell Street Trails:

Marc will prepare the wetlands filing for ConsCom.

Rodgers Road Boardwalks:

Jonathan reported that Lee and Christine Stevens had suggested having the Boy Scouts assist with the boardwalk extension work. There is interest in doing the work in early September.

Greenough Boardwalk:

Jonathan gave an extensive presentation of potential projects on the Greenough Land trails. Because of the complexity of filing (large number of abutters), it would be most efficient to include as many items as possible at this time. He identified seven major areas of potential work, which received feedback from the rest of the Committee:

- The wetland crossing on the new bypass trail near the barn. This could also include a bench at the top of the knoll, if some vista pruning were done.
- The wet area near the barn beyond the diversion. Trail relocation may be possible but would involve the removal of lots of knotweed.
- The culvert near the pond overlook. He would first try to clean this out; replacement may be necessary if this is not effective.
- Blueberry Trail wet area near bench. Slight rerouting of the trail should solve this.
- Wet area near marker G15 on the Brook Street section. This is a good candidate for duckboards, or slight rerouting of the trail.
- Between markers G3 and G12, an area that is wet in the spring. It was decided that no action was necessary here.
- Between markers G4 and G5 near the field. Trail can be slightly rerouted to avoid the wet spot.

Jonathan will prepare the wetlands filing based on this.

A motion authorizing expenditure of up to \$200 associated with the filing was approved.

Duck Board Installation:

The recent installation on the Blood Farm trail appears to be working well. A work session was scheduled for July 20 to install more sections. A prioritized list was drawn up for guidance.

Chainsaw Safety Demonstration:

This will be deferred until the fall, probably November.

CRAC Inspections:

Marc reported on the two Conservation Restriction Advisory Committee inspections from June 1:
Nickles Lane (CR 24) – nothing had changed
Suffolk Lane to Blood Farm trail (CR 23) – the trail is in good condition.

New Business:

Old Home Day:

Lots of people new to town visited the OHD booth. Twenty trail books were sold. 27 people and 7 dogs joined the Double Sundae Sunday Saunter (16 remained at the end).

Recent Trail Work:

Steve cleared trees at Conant, Tophet loop, and Estabrook trail.

Roy cleared a tree from the Kimball's – Cutter Ridge connector, and pruned along the River trail.

Jonathan mowed the trails at Foss Farm (including clearing a downed tree), "Poison ivy trail" at Greenough and Fox Hill; and cleared a tree at Greenough.

Don Smith (trail adopter) cleared a pine trunk from the Blueberry trail.

Schedule Next Meeting:

The next meeting was scheduled for September 6.