

Carlisle Trails Committee
Report of June 7, 2013 Meeting
Bert Willard, Secretary

Attendance: Alan Ankers, Henry Cox, Louise Hara, Marc Lamere, Warren Spence, Steve Tobin, Bert Willard.

Guests: Sylvia Willard, Wayne Davis.

Documents Presented:

None.

Old Business:

Approve Meeting Minutes:

The minutes for the May 3, 2013 meeting were approved as written.

Elliott Preserve Trail Work:

Work mornings will happen on June 21 and 22. Work will include at the parking lot, trail widening, and side hill cutting. SVT people will show up on Friday, and people from IBM will show up on Saturday. Steve plans on learning how to do side hill cutting from the SVT people and pass this skill on to the IBM people.

Foss Farm Bridge and South Field:

It was reported that the soil approaching both sides of the bridge is soft and wearing. Importing gravel was suggested to stabilize it. No decision was made.

There was a discussion of the long-term plan to build a trail around the perimeter of the South Field. The Trails Committee will look over the options during the June 22 Riverfest walk.

Unauthorized Cranberry Bog trail:

There will be a meeting in Chelmsford on Monday, June 10, during which how to deal with the trail will be discussed. Carlisle Conscom needs to tell the Trails Committee what to do once a plan is agreed upon.

Town Forest:

Warren has proposed a new trail called "Coyote-Rock Trail." The new part had been flagged last winter. The trail will be walked on Sunday, June 9 to firm up the location before presenting the proposal to Conscom.

Rangeway conseration land:

The trails will be marked some time in the second half of July.

OS&R Plan:

A public meeting on the plan will be held on June 26.

New Business:

Riverfest Walk Sunday, June 22:

People are to gather in the Foss Farm parking lot at 2:00 pm. The walk will include the Elliott Preserve as well as the Foss South Field.

Old Home Day:

Louise has requested a booth for this year.

Steve will not be present on Saturday, but will lead the Sunday walk.

Clark Farm Trail:

Andrew Rodgers wants to put in a permanent fence along the stone wall to contain his sheep. Andrew has proposed installing gates to allow trail access. Steve and Louise will meet with Andrew to discuss his plan.

Tree Down on Malcolm Loop:

Steve dispatched the tree.

Boardwalk Repair at Great Meadows:

The rotting boards need replacing. No action was taken.

Other Business:

A discussion arose concerning how to attach a bench (like the one Bert built and has at his home) to the Piggery Road boardwalk on the River Trail. No conclusions were reached.

The eagle scout project led by candidate Michael Drinkwater to remove buckthorn on the Wood Duck Trail at Greenough will be done on Saturday, June 8. Adult supervisors will be present to defend other shrubs, trees, etc.

Schedule next meeting:

The next meeting will be July 26, 2013.

There will be no meeting in August.