

Carlisle Trails Committee Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2014
Bert Willard, Secretary

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

Guest: Sylvia Willard.

Documents Presented:

None.

Old Business:

Approve Meeting Minutes:

The minutes for the July 11, 2014 meeting were approved as corrected (spelling).

Spalding to Banta Boardwalk:

The Selectmen have signed the contract.

Elliott Preserve Trail Work:

Steve has filed the permit, and SVT has paid the \$300 fee in full. Steve cut the trail to the river. Two canoe landing steel signposts will be pounded in place on Sunday, September 7.

Long Ridge Road 40B:

Sylvia reported that no trails are being proposed per the Brem plan.

Russell Street Senior Housing:

Sylvia showed the plan with the proposed trail location.

Boy Scout Trail Project at Spencer Brook:

Steve reported that the scout is sending the final plan to the Scout Council for approval. The actual work will not be done until 2015.

Trail Signs and Intersection Numbering:

The previously determined 10 signposts have been installed in the Town Forest. Much to the surprise and pleasure of Steve, Alan, and Bert, the digging was mostly in sand, not the Carlisle norm.

Relieved to find themselves back in Carlisle soil last weekend Alan, Henry, and Steve struggled to get 10 signposts planted at the Towle property.

Bert has routed all the signs for the Town Forest and Towle property, and Steve is painting the letters and numbers white. The Middle School Art Club will be adding painted pictures of their individual choices based on a visit to the properties.

A vote passed to reimburse Alan for the 20 signposts he purchased for \$234.81, to be paid from the Trails Committee CPA fund.

Warren plans on mowing the Town Forest trails "soon."

New Business:

2015 Trail Book Planning:

Louise reported that she has “volunteered” Kevin Smith and David Freedman to repeat the stunning work they contributed for the 2010 Edition. Louise has volunteered to repeat her role of editing. It was agreed that each member would be responsible for a selection of maps to walk the trails to do a ground truth. Louise asked each member to send errors they know about in the current edition to her.

Rerouting Lower Part of Davis Trail:

Since last meeting the lower half of the reroute was cut by Steve, Alan, and Bert.

We need to obtain a permit for the wetland crossing before building a boardwalk.

Rerouting Sachs Greenway Trail:

Steve, along with other committee members, will meet with Marc Raibert, on Saturday to discuss improving the start of the Sachs Greenway Trail.

Recent Activities:

Steve has cut 14 trees on the Davis Corridor, 1 poison ivy-invested tree on Marion’s Trail and 4 trees on the Twin Peaks Trail.

Plan Fall Activities:

The annual fall trail-clearing workday will be on Sunday, September 21.

October 5 was chosen for a town walk into Acton via the new connection off Marion’s Trail. This might be repeated and extended for the day after Thanksgiving walk.

Schedule next meeting:

The next meeting will be October 3, 2014.