

Carlisle Trails Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2021  
Alan Ankers, Secretary

Attendance: Alan Ankers, Alan Blevins, Roy Herold, Charlene Hinton, Marc Lamere, Warren Spence, Steve Tobin, Chris Chiapella

Guests: Sylvia Willard, Bert Willard, Bob Goldsmith, Henry Cox

Meeting was held via video conference.

**Documents Presented:**

None

**Old Business:**

**Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes from the December 4 meeting were approved as written.

**Annual Goals:**

Goals for 2021 were discussed, and will mostly be carry-over of goals from 2020 that are ongoing or were not completed:

- Russell Conservation Land – complete boardwalks and duckboards
- Greenough Land improvements – complete the work covered by the RSC grant
- Woodward Village trails – pending the land becoming available
- Renegotiate Trail Agreement with USF&WS
- Benches – continue installation
- Boardwalk repair – as necessary
- Duckboards – planning and installation of more of them

Roy noted that the trail between markers G5 and G6 on the Greenough Land was very narrow and hard to negotiate in some areas, and suggested that addressing this issue could be added to the list of goals.

**Finances:**

Motions were approved to pay two recent invoices:

For \$200 from Andrew Joslin for removal of a tree over the trail on the Woodward Land, to be paid from the Trails Gift Account, and

For \$38.16 to reimburse Steve Tobin for mahogany board for signs, from Concord Lumber, to be paid from the Trails Grant Account.

**Lion's Gate Trails:**

Steve reported that the final two granite markers had been installed by the developer. He also reported that on January 3, he and Steve Hinton (CCF) had met with Bob Farra of the Acton Land Stewards, who is also President of the local Homeowners Association, to explore potential new trails in the area pipeline at the Town line. The south end is very wet, but a potential connection to

the Acton trail network may be possible using a stretch of Canterbury Hill Road. Steve will continue to work with Bob Farra.

**Boardwalk Raking:**

Marc reported that he had raked the final boardwalks on the Greystone pathway.

**Trekker Awards:**

Steve noted that volunteer work projects need to be found for those earning their Trekker Awards. There was discussion on whether non-residents of Carlisle should be eligible to receive the award. Roy pointed out that the Trails book states that recipients must be residents, while the website says it is open to anyone. Steve asked that everybody give this consideration for discussion at the next meeting.

**Otter Slide Flooding:**

Steve reported that the beaver problem had been fixed, but two days later the beavers had rebuilt their dam, once again flooding the area. He had contacted the State Park Manager John Aziz, who told him that somebody had apparently interfered with the dam, which had disrupted the trapping program.

**New Business:**

**NEMBA Boardwalks:**

Steve reported that the boardwalks on the Tophet Trail at Great Brook Farm State Park, installed by the New England Mountain Bike Association (NEMBA), are in serious need of repair. He had contacted Barry Moore of NEMBA and tried to connect him with John Aziz, the Park Manager, and also offered help in rebuilding the boardwalks.

**Annual Report:**

Steve reported that the Annual Report to the Select Board is due by March 5, and he again volunteered to prepare it.

**Recent Trail Work:**

Steve removed trees from trails at Foss Farm, Otter Slide, Benfield Hidden Pond, Bartlett Farm, Greenough, Hanover Hill, Towle, Tophet loop, Sachs Greenway and Davis Corridor.

Roy removed trees from Blood Farm trail and Two Rod Road.

Henry Cox removed a tree from the Davis Corridor.

Steve and Alan installed trails signs on posts at the road crossing on the Russell Conservation Land, and a sign on a tree where the new trail diverges from the old one.

Alan put up blue disk trail markers on the Castle Rock trail in response to a trail user's suggestion.

Andrew Joslin removed difficult hanging trees from the Woodward Land and Elliott Preserve.

**Schedule Next Meeting:**

The next meeting was scheduled for February 5, 2021 at 7:30 pm, again to be held by video conference.