

Carlisle Trails Committee Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2021
Alan Ankers, Secretary

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

Guests: Sylvia Willard, Bert Willard, Bob Goldsmith

Meeting was held via video conference.

Documents Presented:

None

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the January 8 meeting were approved as amended.

Finances:

A motion was approved to reimburse Steve Tobin \$141.38 from the CPA Account, for 100 blue disk trail markers from Forestry Suppliers.

Trekker Award:

Discussion continued on the eligibility of non-residents of Carlisle. The consensus was that it should be limited to residents, which had been the original intent. The website will be updated to be consistent with the trail book. Those from out of town who had completed the trails based on the misleading information would be given patches without being required to complete the volunteer work.

Otter Slide Flooding:

Steve reported that the trail was once again usable, and that the beaver traps have been removed.

Annual Report:

Steve had distributed a draft for review and comment. Marc offered a couple of suggested changes.

Russell St. trails:

Marc reported on continued planning for the boardwalks and duckboards. He is expecting the boardwalk to be 40 feet long with one bend, and about 72 feet of duckboard. There are some supplies on hand that can be used, but more will be required.

Greenough Trail Improvements:

Steve reported that he had sent a report to the River Stewardship Council detailing the work done to date under their grant. They have agreed to reimburse \$999 for boardwalk materials.

Greenough Narrow Trail:

Steve reported that he had flagged a potential reroute of the narrow trail between intersections G5 and G6. Steve and Marc met with abutters Thomas Casparis and Chris and Chris Winders to explain the plans. The abutters were opposed to this rerouting although it is on Town land. Steve recommended checking in the spring whether there is a viable dry alternative on the south side field.

New Business:**River Trail:**

Steve reported that the bench on the River trail had been torn off the boardwalk by somebody using an ATV, also breaking some boards. He had reported this to USF&WS. Steve and Roy carried out repair work, with enhanced anchorage.

Frizzell Property:

Steve reported that the Frizzell family was planning on selling their property on the south edge of the Town Forest, and had approached the Planning Board looking for Town input since the property had a high ranking in the OS&RP. There may be an opportunity to create better access to the Town Forest from East Riding Drive. Steve and Warren will meet with the owner to explore options.

Oak Knoll flagging:

Steve reported that the Committee had received an email on January 20 from Ryan Cardoos noting that some flags had appeared on the back of his property on Oak Knoll, apparently marking a trail. Marc had admitted that he had placed the flags on his own, not as part of Trails Committee work. He removed the flags and apologized to the owners. Steve had received an email from the owners on January 24 thanking him for resolving the issue.

Marc also apologized to the Committee, realizing that his actions may reflect negatively on the Committee, and offered to resign. No members thought this would be appropriate; he was asked, and agreed, to remain on the Committee.

New Trails at the Cranberry Bog:

Steve reported that the Chelmsford Conservation Commission had agreed to adopt the two unofficial, unapproved trails running roughly parallel with the Peninsula trail. Both trails have short lengths in Carlisle south of the town boundary. Phil Stanway in Chelmsford had said that we could name the trails but had specific requests for colored markers at the ends to match their system. Agreement was reached to call them Shoreline Trail East and Shoreline Trail West. Trail markers will need to be installed.

Carlisle Cheer Project:

Steve reported that a request had been received from the Carlisle Cheer Project to install a biodegradable art exhibit on the trails. He will reply to Barney Arnold asking that they limit it to natural materials and remove any exhibit materials afterwards rather than letting them decompose which may take a very long time.

Memorial Bench:

Steve reported that Susan Shaw had asked about using one of the trail benches as a memorial for her son who had died two years ago, and had loved hiking the trails. Sylvia suggested checking with the Land Stewardship Committee. Steve will attend their meeting on February 16. Alan will contact Susan to ask for more specific details about location and type of memorial.

Recent Trail Work:

Marc repaired broken duckboards on the Rangeway trail.

Steve removed trees from the River trail, Marion's trail, Beaver loop and Foss Farm.

Schedule Next Meeting:

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