

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

Attendance: Alan Ankers, Roy Herold, Charlene Hinton, Warren Spence, Steve Tobin

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

Meeting was held via video conference.

Documents Presented:

None

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the February 5 meeting were approved as amended.

Trekker Award:

Alan reported that both web sites have been updated to indicate that the award was limited to Carlisle residents.

Annual Report:

Steve reported that the report had been submitted to the Select Board.

Russell St. trails:

Steve reported that Marc was ready to order lumber for this project.

A motion was approved to spend up to \$1,000 on materials, from the Trails Gift Account.

Greenough Trail Improvements:

Steve reported that reimbursement for \$999 had been received from the River Stewardship Council. Charlene will start preparation of the wetlands filing for the remaining work.

Memorial Bench:

Steve reported that the memorial bench on the Towle Land had been approved by the Land Stewardship Committee at their February 16 meeting. Susan Shaw had provided Steve with the wording she would like engraved, and they had agreed on a location next to the large boulders (trail marker T8). The LSC requested that the exact site be chosen to avoid affecting nearby wildflowers, which will need to be done in June.

New Trails at the Cranberry Bog:

Steve noted that signs need to be installed at the ends of the Shoreline Trails.

Benches:

Steve suggested that groups of Committee members review the proposed bench locations in the

field during the upcoming weeks.

New Business:

Eagle Scout Project:

Joshua Sun told the Committee he would like to do some trail-related work for his Eagle Scout Project. He thought one possibility was a boardwalk in the Heidke parcel, connecting the Town Forest to Brook Street, but was open to other suggestions. Committee members thought this would be very difficult as the wet area is very extensive and the easement is very narrow and in the wettest area. Steve suggested that the new boardwalk on the rerouted/bypass trail at Greenough would be a more suitable project. Although much of the planning has already been done, a wetlands filing is still needed. The project should also include the removal of debris from the old outbuildings. Steve and Josh will arrange an on-site review in the next week or so.

Open Space and Recreation Plan:

Steve reported that Marc had asked everyone to review and comment on the completed report.

Trails Day:

Steve reported that CCF was planning on holding another Trails Day event this year and that, it would be done on an individual basis rather than with organized group walks, and perhaps over an extended period of time rather than a single day, similar to last year. The Carlisle Cultural Council had contacted the Committee about the Freedom's Way National Heritage Association's Hidden Treasures Program, running through May, and it seemed that the Trails Day events could fit with this program.

Committee Membership:

Steve reported that Alan Blevins was moving out of town and had resigned from the Committee. Steve proposed that Associate Member Chris Chiapella be promoted to fill the vacancy, and all agreed.

Recent Trail Work:

Steve removed trees from Towle outer loop, Two Rod Road and Acorn trail south.
Warren removed fallen trees from the Town Forest trails.

Schedule Next Meeting:

The next meeting was scheduled for April 2, 2021 at 7:30 pm, again to be held by video conference.