

Carlisle Trails Committee Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2021
Alan Ankers, Secretary

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

Guests: Sylvia Willard, Bert Willard, Bob Goldsmith

Meeting was held via video conference.

Documents Presented:

None

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes:

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

Russell St. trails:

Marc reported that the previously approved spending of \$1,000 on materials would not be sufficient to cover the costs.

A motion was approved to amend the spending limit to \$1,500.

Marc will contact the developer, Brendon Properties, seeking approval to use the visitor parking lot for staging materials and on-site cutting of lumber using a generator. The work was scheduled for Saturday April 24, with the Sunday as a rain date, and Friday afternoon for moving bumpers and other materials from the storage barn.

Alan will contact Trekker Award candidates looking to complete their volunteer work.

Benches:

Steve reported that a group had reviewed the proposed locations at the Towle Land and agreed on four locations, including the Shaw Memorial bench. He suggested the Davis Corridor locations be addressed next.

Boardwalks and Duckboard:

Steve reported that he, Warren, Alan and Chris Chiapella had installed three 8-foot duckboard sections at the bottom of Towle Field on March 30, two at one end of the existing old boardwalk and one at the other end.

Eagle Scout Project:

Steve reported that he and Joshua Sun had met on site to review the project near the Greenough barn, and Josh was putting together his application package.

Trails Day:

Steve reported that this year's Trails Day event will cover the period May 29 to June 6 (which is

National Trails Day). It will consist of self-guided walks and include a new feature, Trail Sign Bingo, set up on the Trails Day website. All agreed that the Trails Committee should co-sponsor this event with CCF.

Committee Membership:

Steve reported that Chris Chiapella had accepted the open seat. Steve had sent a letter notifying the Select Board but had yet to hear back.

Woodward Village:

Steve reported that some brush clearing would be necessary on the existing trails once land is transferred to the Town, which is expected to happen soon. Part of the work will need to wait until the sitework is completed. Steve has been installing USFWS signs at the Great Meadows NWR boundaries and recommended adding signs at the boundary of the Town land and adjacent private property, modeled on signs used by The Trustees of Reservations.

Greenough Narrow Trail:

Steve noted that the current wet conditions would be a good time to review the surrounding conditions; a site visit was scheduled for Sunday April 4.

Lion's Gate:

Steve reported that Steve Hinton of CCF had obtained a trail easement on the Spencer/Taylor property along the gas pipeline on the Acton town line. The Acton Land Stewards had determined that the neighbors were not in favor of extending trail connections on land owned by the Homeowners' Association.

New Business:

Mowing:

Steve reported that Jonathan DeKock has been appointed Assistant Manager of the Community Gardens at Foss Farm and had offered to mow the trails there if he received authorization from the Trails Committee. In the hopes that he may be willing to mow other trails in the future, the committee extended the authorization and passed a motion authorizing Jonathan DeKock to mow any trails in town that could benefit from being mowed.

Woodhaven Trail Issues:

Steve reported that the new owner, Luke Ascolillo, had reported to SVT/CCF that he was having problems with people trespassing and letting dogs loose on his land beyond the trail easement. CCF and SVT are working to resolve the issue, which will probably require a second fence to be installed along the edge of the easement.

Conant Trail License:

Steve reported that Steve Hinton had obtained a revokable trail license for the section of trail on private property owned by Ansara/Arnold.

Recent Trail Work:

Steve rearranged the rocks at the wall crossing on the Blueberry trail to divert the trail around a

wet spot. He also installed new signs at Benfield, Towle and Holmes-Avery land.
Henry removed fallen trees on the River trail and Davis Corridor.
Steve removed trees at Heartbreak Ridge, Benfield Hidden Pond, Towle inner loop, Malcolm Meadows and Greenough.
Warren removed trees at the Town Forest.
Chris removed a tree at Greenough.
Alan removed a tree at Towle.
Marc removed a tree from the Rangeway trails.

Schedule Next Meeting:

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