

Carlisle Trails Committee Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2021
Alan Ankers, Secretary

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

Guests: Sylvia Willard, Bert Willard, Bob Goldsmith, Jake Schwan, Ted Selig, Beth Clarke, Henry Cox, Ginny Lamere

Meeting was held via video conference.

Documents Presented:

None

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the April 2 meeting were approved as amended.

Russell St. trails:

Marc reported that the project had been successfully completed with the boardwalk and duckboards installed on April 24.

Bills:

A motion was passed to pay the invoice for \$673.00 from Concord Lumber for materials for the Russell St. boardwalk, to be taken from the Trails Gift Account.

A motion was passed to reimburse Charlene Hinton \$49.41 from the Trails Gift Account, for work party refreshments.

A motion was passed to reimburse Steve Tobin \$68.71 from the Trails Gift Account, for expenses incurred preparing the wetland filing for the Greenough project (\$40 to the Town of Billerica for the abutter list and \$28.71 for mailing the notices).

Benches:

May 16 was scheduled for installation of the William Shaw Memorial bench at Towle. Roy will engrave the seat back. Steve suggested that the Davis Corridor locations could be scouted immediately afterwards.

Trails Day:

Steve reminded all to sign up and create logs of their walks.

Committee Membership:

Steve reported that Chris Chiapella had officially been appointed by the Select Board.

Woodward Village:

Steve reported that construction had started on the new development and that “Trail Closed” signs had been placed at the edges of the work area.

Greenough - Eagle Scout Project:

Steve reported that Josh Sun’s Eagle Scout Project proposal had been approved by the Scout Council. Steve had submitted the wetlands filing to ConsCom and the hearing was scheduled for May 27. The application included removal of knotweed and poison ivy, which is not part of the Eagle Scout project.

New Business:**Trekker Awards:**

Trekker Awards were presented to Beth Clarke (#57) and Ginny Lamere (#58), both of whom participated in the Russell St. boardwalk project. Beth completed all of the trails during 2020, particularly enjoys the Benfield platform, and noted how visiting new trails was a great way to gain a greater understanding of Carlisle. Ginny completed the hikes over the period 2016-21 and loved discovering the Twin Peaks trail.

Greenough Dam:

Sylvia Willard requested Trails Committee support for the Dam repair project at Town Meeting, since the dam is a critical part of the trail. A motion was approved to officially support the project; Steve will voice the support at Town Meeting.

Recent Trail Work:

Steve removed fallen trees from the Acorn trail, Towle land, Mist trail, Davis Corridor and Cranberry Bog.

Future Activity Planning:

A party will tackle the hanging tree on the Pines Loop at Greenough on Saturday May 8 at 8:30. A work day was scheduled for Sunday May 30, to work on the new trail at the Woodward property, and begin the invasives removal work at Greenough. Alan will contact those looking for volunteer work to complete their Trekker Awards, but a widespread notice will not be sent out.

Schedule Next Meeting:

The next meeting was scheduled for June 4, 2021 at 7:30 pm, again to be held by video conference.