

Carlisle Trails Committee Meeting Minutes  
July 10, 2020  
Alan Ankers, Secretary

Attendance: Alan Ankers, Roy Herold, Marc Lamere, Warren Spence, Steve Tobin, Jonathan DeKock

Guests: Sylvia Willard, Bert Willard, Ted Selig, Charlene Hinton, Helen Young, Aidan O'Connor, Christina Christodouloupoulos, Kelly Guarino, Mary Zoll

Meeting was held via video conference.

**Documents Presented:**

None.

**Old Business:**

**Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes from the June 5 meeting were approved as written.

The minutes from the June 17 meeting were approved as amended.

**Trekker Awards:**

Roy presented engraved plaques to Mary Zoll and Kelly Guarino, the first two Trekker Award recipients back in 2007. Kelly and Mary recounted their experiences in completing the requirements.

**Committee Membership:**

Steve reported that Henry had offered to step aside to allow two new members to join the committee. Jonathan pointed out that Henry's term had one year remaining, so one of the new appointments would be for just one year, to complete that term. Steve outlined the qualities of the six candidates for the positions and asked each Committee Member to vote for two. He expressed the hope that the remaining candidates would consider becoming Associate Members.

Charlene Hinton and Alan Blevins received the most votes.

A motion was approved to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that Charlene Hinton be appointed to a three-year term, and Alan Blevins to a one-year term; and that the other four candidates be invited to serve as Associate Members and, should they agree, to recommend those appointments to the Selectmen.

Helen Young immediately agreed to join as an Associate Member. Alan will contact the remaining candidates – Chris Chiapella, Glen Cote and Christian Hedlund - and invite them to join as Associate Members.

**Scout Project - McCormick Boardwalk:**

Aidan O'Connor and Ted Selig reported that the McCormick Boardwalk project was successfully completed on June 6, with Steve providing Trails Committee supervision. Roy offered to engrave

a memorial into the deck boards; Aidan will supply the proposed text.

**Service Projects:**

Steve reported that he had done some trail maintenance work with small groups of two or three High School students and was comfortable with the safety protocols employed. He worked on the River Trail with two students on June 19, and then pulled buckthorn on the Pitch Pine path at Foss Farm with another two students on June 24. On July 8, he worked with a High School student and her mother, mostly pulling buckthorn on the Otter Slide Trail. The work sessions were arranged as training sessions so that the students could do further work on their own.

He suggested that a similar method could be used for people looking to fulfil the volunteer service requirements for their Trekker Award. Rather than having organized and publicized group work days, this would be done with a single Trails Committee member making arrangements directly with two or three volunteers.

**Deer Committee Liaison:**

Jonathan reported that the Board of Selectmen were looking to trim down the proposed expansion of the hunting program, and seemed likely to recommend a town vote on the program in general. Jonathan also noted that he intended to step down from the Deer Committee, so a new Trails Committee representative would be required. There were no immediate volunteers.

**Poison Ivy:**

Steve reported that he has started a project to record the worst areas of poison ivy, but is still considering what to do with the information.

**New Business:**

**Lion's Gate Development:**

Steve reported that on July 3 he had talked to the developer, Steve Defoe, who had agreed to have surveyors mark the bounds of the easement.

**Other Scout Projects:**

Marc reported that Richie Chuang, who had installed or replaced a number of Historic Markers for his Eagle Scout project, has since continued the work and installed several more.

**Recent Trail Work:**

Steve cleared fallen trees at Foss Farm south field, Towle, Elliott Preserve and Marion's trail; repaired boardwalks on the River trail, RedTail trail, Foss Farm trail to south field, Towle, Catbriar trail and Hanover Hill; and mowed the Red Tail and Piggery trails, Woodhaven field, Malcolm Meadows and Sachs Greenway, Foss Farm trail to south field, Spencer Brook and Otter Slide trail with the DR trimmer before it broke down. (Steve retired on June 5.)

Warren and Steve cleared fallen trees on the Fern Loop.

Roy, Warren and Steve repaired the boardwalk in the Town Forest that was broken by a large falling tree.

Warren removed fallen trees, cleared buckthorn and mowed the trails in the Town Forest.

Bob Goldsmith removed a fallen tree on the Pitch Pine path.

Roy cleared fallen trees from the Blood Farm trail, Hal's boardwalk and Woodhaven; and cleared overgrown trails at Sachs Greenway, River trail, Beaver loop and the trail to the Cow Tunnel at Towle.

Ted Selig reported that scout Ian Wolossow had cleared trails on the Malcolm loop.

**Schedule Next Meeting:**

The next meeting was scheduled for August 7, again to be held by video conference, but starting at 7:30.