

Carlisle Trails Committee Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2020
Alan Ankers, Secretary

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

Guests: Sylvia Willard, Henry Cox, Christina Christodouloupoulos, Bob Goldsmith

Meeting was held via video conference.

Documents Presented:

Sketch of river view platform.

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the July 10 meeting were approved as written.

Committee Membership:

Steve welcomed new members Alan Blevins and Charlene Hinton, while noting that although he had asked the Board of Selectmen to approve the appointments, he had not yet received official confirmation. Warren reported that the Selectmen had voted to approve the appointments at their last meeting.

Steve also reported that Jonathan DeKock had resigned as an Associate Member.

Greenough Land:

Steve reported that he will be taking over from Jonathan to work with the NPS on the grant, and that Charlene will be helping with the associated wetlands filing. On August 2nd, Steve and Alan Ankers had visited the site of the proposed river view platform with Jonathan. Alan presented a sketch of the proposed platform design for discussion.

Steve suggested that the two benches that are part of the overall project could be done this fall with a group of two or three people.

Boardwalk:

Steve reported that he and Alan Ankers would be meeting with Linh Phu from USF&WS on Friday to discuss rebuilding the Tobin bridge boardwalk, and other matters relating to the Committee's working relationship with USF&WS.

Deer Committee Liaison:

Steve reported that the Board of Selectmen had voted to suspend the deer hunt this year, and that Alex Parra, the new chair of the Deer Control Committee, had told him there was no need for Trails Committee representative at this point.

Poison Ivy:

Steve reported that he has surveyed the trails for poison ivy, marked the information on maps, and posted them on Google Sheets.

Lion's Gate Development:

Steve reported that he is waiting for confirmation from the developer that the easement bound markers have been installed.

New Business:**DR Trimmer:**

Steve reported that the Committee's DR trimmer, which was twenty years old, had broken down four times this year, and appeared to be beyond easy repair. Since Jonathan's tractor is no longer available for trail mowing, a replacement DR trimmer is needed. Steve had noticed the Pro XC model on sale and taken quick action to purchase it. A motion was approved to reimburse Steve from the Trails Gift Account for an amount up to \$800 for the new DR trimmer.

OS&RP:

Steve reported that the Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan included a list of trails that could be considered accessible, in two categories, and that Sylvia Willard had asked if there were any updates from the 2013 list. Steve distributed the previous list and asked for any suggested modifications. The new Boy Scout trail at Spencer Brook was added to the list.

Recent Trail Work:

Steve noted that he had added a sheet to the online log specifically for damage from the latest storm, and asked everyone to update the sheet as they scouted and/or cleared trails.

Steve mowed trails at Woodhaven, Red-tail and Piggery Road, and Fox Hill; and cleared fallen trees near Bates Pond, at the Cranberry Bog and on the Catbriar trail.

Roy cleared encroaching vegetation at the Tobin bridge, and removed fallen trees at Woodhaven and Two Rod Road.

Alan Ankers and Steve Spang mowed the trails at Spencer Brook with CCF's tractor.

Bob Goldsmith removed a fallen tree on Old Morse Road, and assisted Steve with another at Foss Farm.

Warren cleared five fallen pines in the Town Forest.

Schedule Next Meeting:

The next meeting was scheduled for September 11 at 7:30, again to be held by video conference.

