TUESDAY
June 21, 2021
Northborough Trails Committee
Conference Room B at Northborough Town Hall In person

Minutes
Attendees: Bob Mihalek, Chair, Brian Belfer, Forest Lyford, Jim Klinkenberg, Marielle Stone, Craig Cox, Jim Stein (7:28pm,) Mia McDonald, staff.

7:00 pm Open Meeting-general discussion and introduction for visitors
Bob Mihalek chaired the meeting, opened the meeting.

Minutes: Minutes from the May meeting were reviewed. Brian Belfer made a motion, Marielle Stone seconded and all voted by roll call in favor of accepting the minutes as written.

Trail topics- damage reports, maintenance, new trail proposals.

Westborough Trail Connections:
Marielle had asked for updates on the trail connections to the Westborough Trails along Lyman Street. Mia has now new updates from Westborough to share. Bob will call Don Burns to ask if he has an opinion on how the trails will be connected to Northborough via the Chauncy Del Webb development.

Mapping:
Mia asked for a list of trails that need updated maps. The Committee discussed and determined the following maps need update:
Chapin Canal Historic Feature (Hudson Street)
Green Street Trails
Jubilee Trail (has been moved)
Goldfinch Trail (has been moved)
Edmund Hill: Sliding Boulder Trail (new) and Summit Switchback to the north and re-located Summit Trail to the south.
Watson Park Loop Trail

Mia stated she will be given access to a Bad Elf GPS unit and iPad to collect data and has asked if Committee members have access to assist with getting the data. Craig offered to assist in gathering the data points.
Mia will ask SVT for data on the Green Street trails.

**Bird Song Trail:** Jim K stated that trees had fallen and the trail needs clearing west of the Little Pond Road entrance. Brian and Bob plan to clear it.

**Tall Grass Trail:** Craig offered to clear/cut the trail.

**Old Farm Trail:** Sherrel Devine has emailed and asked to share that the Old Farm Trail was covered in poison ivy. Bob offered to mow/cut it back.

**Stirrup Brook Bridge Replacement:** Mia shared the plan designed by the Town Engineer, Fred Litchfield, that was submitted with the Building Permit application that was submitted today. Brian stated that the work should be exempt from a building permit as per CMR 5.21. Mia asked Brian to contact the Building Inspector to discuss this exemption.

Discussion:

Jim K asked for resources on invasive versus native species training. Brian stated Sudbury Valley Trustees has great resources on their website.

**Funding:** The Committee discussed applying for funds to construct the proposed accessible trail at the Senior Center up to $240,000. Jim K made a motion for staff to draft funding applications to the MassTrails Grant program and the Community Preservation Committee to fund the Accessible Trail, Jim S seconded the motion, and all voted by roll call in favor of the application.

**Calendar:** Mia asked the Committee if they would like to post a standing agenda to meet on the third Monday of every month at the Police Station Training Room regardless of the schedules of other boards. Brian made a motion to approve the standing agenda proposal and Craig seconded, and all voted by roll call in favor.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, July 19 at 7pm.

9:05 pm  Craig made a motion to adjourn, Marielle seconded, and all voted unanimously by roll call to adjourn the meeting.