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## TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Trails Sub-Committee

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### TUESDAY

January 21, 2020

Northborough Trails Committee

*Town Hall Conference Room B*

### *Minutes*

*Attendees: Bob Mihalek, Brian Belfer, Sherral Devine, George Curtis, Jim Stein, Jim Klinkenberger, Mia McDonald*

*Guests: Julianne Hirsch, Katie Meyer, Brett Hanna*

- 7:00 pm Open Meeting-general discussion and introduction for visitors
- a. Chairman Bob Mihalek opened the meeting.
  - b. Minutes discussion: no minutes available for review. BM will draft minutes for October and November meetings, MM will draft minutes for September meeting.
- 7:05 pm- Trail topics- damage reports, maintenance, new trail proposals.
- a. Mentzer Trail and Edmund Hill had trees that needed removal from the trail. Cut and left nearby.
  - b. Aqueduct Bridge: MM waiting for engineering cost estimate from National Grid for moving utilities safe distance from pedestrian way.
  - c. Application at Town Boards for Parcel H Bartlett Street (located across from 200 Bartlett Street.) Proposed project crosses aqueduct and current trail is located on the private property. Trail will need to be accurately located within aqueduct. The applicant is seeking an 8m Permit from MWRA. Conservation Commission is representing the Town's 8M permit during their permit process.
  - d. Aqueduct mowing: time restrictions? MM to contact NHESP re: time restrictions related to protected species present.
  - e. Cold Harbor Trail has a tree across trail. BM will inspect and remove, if necessary.
  - f. Mentzer Trail in need of boardwalk at entrance. Will need permit from Conservation Commission.
  - g. Poison ivy problems on all trails. Committee discussed observing problem locations and mapping throughout 2020 season. BM stated ecologist visited NTC a few years ago and urged planting plan. MM to research competitors for poison ivy and possible funding sources for 2021 planting plan.

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- h. Mount Pisgah and dogs: Julianne Hirsch, resident, present and stated dogs and dog waste becoming larger issue on Mount Pisgah Trails. Committee discussed desire to keep trails carry in/carry out and volunteer management, then requested Animal Enforcement Officer is contacted regarding hikers not following the on-leash and pick-up-after-your-dog laws. MM to contact Town Administrator re: request to Animal Enforcement.
- i. The Committee asked for an update to Jane Walsh's study on pet owners and dog waste. MM to contact Ms. Walsh.

8:35 pm      Adjourn