



# TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Trails Sub-Committee

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## **MONDAY**

March 18, 2019 7:00pm

Northborough Trails Committee

*Police Station Meeting Room*

### *Minutes*

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

**Guests:** *Amy Poretsky, George Calapai, Neil Swinton, Chris Ostreicher*

7:01p.m. Bob opened the meeting. The Minutes for the February meeting were not yet circulated by e-mail and approved.

1. Trail reports- maintenance needs for bridges, signage, parking, trash, vandalism, user complaints.
  - a. Trash at Edmund Hill Woods trailhead at Rice Ave is still a problem.
  - b. Installation of mountain bike features underway at Green St.
2. Equipment Updates- not discussed.
3. New Projects/funding/training opportunities-
  - a. Chairman presented a funding opportunity from a local business. Committee discussed trying to use this opportunity to build a bridge across the Assabet River to bypass a dangerous section of trail near the Yellick Conservation/Fisherman's Access parking area. Ideally a bridge can be constructed to cross the Assabet such that the steep slope can be avoided. ADA compliance will be investigated.
  - b. Mia presented several options for an off-leash dog park. Funding opportunities were discussed. Discussion ensued with likely candidate areas being the big field at Carney Park/Cold Harbor, second potential area being the meadow at the Yellick Conservation area and third likely spot at Watson Park.
  - c. Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation just released the FY2020 Matching Funds Program for capital improvements on their properties. NTC discussed and decided to apply for river bridge replacement and fenced dog park at the Yellick Conservation Area, with preference for the bridge replacement project.
  - d. Trails Festival at Mt. Wachusett on June 1<sup>st</sup>. NTC will attend with a booth set up similar to our award-winning Applefest display.
  - e. Open Space Committee in need of a representative from the Trails Committee. Brian Belfer volunteered. NTC discussed and accepted/thanked Brian for his commitment.

9:17 p.m. Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,  
Chairman Bob Mihalek