

TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Trails Sub-Committee

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<u>TUESDAY</u> February 19, 2019 7:00pm Northborough Trails Committee *Police Station Meeting Room*

Minutes

Attendees: Bob Mihalek, Jim Stein, George Curtis

7:05p.m. Bob opened the meeting. The Minutes for the January meeting were circulated by e-mail and approved.

- 1. Trail reports- maintenance needs for bridges, signage, parking, trash, vandalism, user complaints.
 - a. No updates. Trash at Edmund Hill continues to be a problem.
- 2. Equipment Updates- volunteers discussed purchasing a battery powered chainsaw. This would be easier to maintain but we need to be able to keep the batteries charged.
- 3. New Projects/funding/training opportunities
 - a. can we propose a dog park to reduce "dog pressure" on the trails? Volunteers estimate 99% of dogs are off leash on the trails. Dogs chase hikers, bikers, children, and defecate everywhere.
- 4. New opportunity:
 - a. MassLand Conference. March 23rd in Worcester, MA http://massland.org/conference
 - b. Can we get a volunteer for the Open Space Committee?
 - c. If/when the shed has electrical power, can we buy a CNC router to make trail signs?

8:17 p.m. Adjourned

Respectfully submitted, Chairman Bob Mihalek

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