

Bedford Trails Committee

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, May 10, 2011 – 7:30pm Bedford DPW Conference Room

Attendees

Adrienne, Kristin, Dan, Mark, Peter, Michael, Bruce, Yan, Art & Ralph

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes from April 12, 2011 were approved.

Art – Chairman's Report

Bay Circuit Trail update: Art will be walking from Tewksbury to Lowell on the Merrimack River for BCT.

Area A & B/Massport Trail update: There was a site walk today to clean up the trails, establish a new trail along a chain link fence between A & B and the signage is going in (posts that say Massport Trail, etc.). When finished, they will clear out access from Concord Road.

National Trails Day: Saturday, June 4th. Coordinate post installation at Buehler (3) on National Trails Day between Art and Dan during Saturday morning walk. Work on additional advertising. Add to calendar on Bedford home page.

Trail Posts update: Art is working on getting the posts ready so we need to figure out where to DigSafe. Art will need help from Peter, Michael, Paul and anyone else available.

Easements/Trail Connections

245 Davis Road: Although US Fish & Wildlife is not interested in any connections at this time, since the current owners are amenable to granting an easement, it may be beneficial to move forward to have it in place for the future. Status update? Draft letter to Land Acquisition Committee of Trails Committee intent to request easement.

Review status of research for trail connection from North Road to Narrow Gauge Rail Trail via 381A North Road (Carignan) and/or 461A North Road (Kimball).

Follow up on potential connections to Springs Brook Park. Notes from Elizabeth's April 8, 2011 email refer to possible connection from Carleton-Willard which will be explored when they return to complete plans for new development.

Bog Bridges

Carlson CA: status update on plan for installation of approved bog bridges. Colgans contacted to have bog bridges installed? Discuss trailer availability or possibly building a carrier using old VA wheel chairs. Ralph reported that the Colgans are working on installing the 8 approved bog bridges. Yan has an old garden cart that may be fine to work with. Dan noted that one of the new bog bridges at Carlson is damaged from a 9-inch tree that fell on it, but it may be repairable. There are also 3 new bog bridges that were dropped off at the entrance to Carlson.

Old Reservoir: Review materials needed for construction of approved bog bridges.

Paul checked the garage last Tuesday and there were 5 bridges with no sills, 3 complete bog bridges and one 6ft bog bridge. There were 14 sills (pipes) not attached, 5 full planks and 20

6-ft planks, 20 2x4's and Paul still has 15 or 21 full 16 foot planks. Need carriage bolts and washers. Paul will check the garage again since we are unsure when the Colgans removed the bog bridges that were used at Carlson.

Bog Bridge building day? Saturday, May 21st at 8am at Paul Marcus's house (218 Dudley Rd). Ralph will ask the Colgans if they are available.

Springs Brook bog bridges should be added to the list of future needs.

Elm Brook has some broken bog bridges. Michael will take a look and report back.

Trail Guide

Review status of Trail Guide: Peter put together a framework for the guide; however Tim has not had time to work on the written content. Tim will most likely have more time to work on this over the summer. Peter will try to set up a meeting with Elizabeth to see what is available on the history of the Conservation Areas.

Trail Blazing, Mapping & Maintenance

O'Connor CA: Status update from site walk with Elizabeth. Mark Levine completed initial brushing of trail to Noreen Drive. Discuss options for removing dead tree on the new trail. Elizabeth to have property line at 457 Old Billerica Road surveyed. Elizabeth needs to go check the work that Mark completed from Noreen Drive so that it can be blazed if approved. Mark and Bruce will meet on Wednesday morning the 11th at 8:30 am off Noreen Drive to remove dead tree on the new trail.

Trail map review: draft of O'Connor CA. DPW to review with Mark.

Update on providing maps for existing map boxes: Inventory of existing boxes? Altmann needs maps. There is also one between Winterberry Way and Langone (needs West Bedford Trail Maps), and Old Causeway in the side yard. Lindau has two map boxes. Minnie Reid. Fawn Lake needs laminated North Bedford map.

Eagle Scout Robbie Santamaria is working on the kiosk at Concord Road.

Summary of Land Stewards Meeting in April: Yan reported that it was a good turn out at the meeting. She has the summary of the Stewards reports which will need to be reviewed by Elizabeth.

Trail Walks & Public Education

Discuss protocol for using new directional sign for Library on Saturday trail walk days. DPW will put the sign out on Saturday morning and the walk leader needs to put it back inside the main door.

May 7th - Michael Barbehenn (Wilderness Park); Had 5 participants.

June 4th - Dan Hurwitz (National Trails Day - walk at Buehler; coordinate with Art and post installation as noted above)

July 2nd - cancel for holiday

August 6th - Art will do Massport walk

Next meeting, Tuesday, June 14, 2011