

Bedford Trails Committee

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, August 9, 2011 – 7:30pm Bedford DPW Conference Room

Attendees: Hal, Peter, Ralph, Dan, Adrienne, Kristin, Bruce

Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2011

Chairman's Report

Bedford Day Booth: Saturday, September 17th. We will have brochures and trail maps ready for hand outs. We should have a sample QR Code ready to have on display at Bedford Day to let the public know the future of Bedford trail maps.

Recap of 7/13 Conservation Hearing to discuss Governor Winthrop and O'Connor trails with the abutters: no updates

Bay Circuit Trail update: Some additional Bay Circuit Trail markers are needed at the intersection of Great Road and Springs Road.

Area A & B/Massport Trail update: no updates

Trail Posts update: no updates

Bedford TV Conservation cable series update: no updates

Nathan Kimball-North Road access to land: no updates

Easements/Trail Connections

Review outcome of subcommittee meeting from July 21st. Hal, Ralph, Terry and Michael added their connection ideas to the overall map and reviewed additional suggestions submitted by Art. Confirm if any additional connections should be added to the current list and if another meeting should be scheduled to move forward with creating a master list that would then be sent to the Land Acquisition Committee via the Conservation Commission. DPW will work on creating a final map that shows all of the potential trail connections and will send out the spreadsheet prior to setting up the next subcommittee meeting. Confirm the allowed access at Bedfordshire for trail access near the golf course. Can trail markers be added? Confirm the easement location if it's in the trees or on the grass.

Bog Bridges

Old Reservoir: Mark, Peter and Bruce installed the bog bridges at approved locations #1 and #6 on Saturday, July 16th. It was noted that a large fallen tree needs to be removed near location #6. Need to schedule a date/time to install the remaining approved bog bridges at locations #3, 4 and 5. Coordinate delivery of bog bridges to the site.

Elm Brook: update on bog bridge installation and trail map. The bog bridges were installed and the trail map was revised to show the locations and has been uploaded to the website.

Springs Brook CA: update from Art on discussion with Elizabeth for next steps to install needed bog bridges. No update from Art. Reviewed Elizabeth's email and Ralph and Hal will check the status of the existing bridge that is in question so we can let Elizabeth know what is needed.

Carlson CA: the summer crew contacted Dan Hurwitz to review the bog bridges at Carleson. There is one bog bridge that needs repair and a few that are in dry areas that need to be relocated to wetter areas. DPW will get Dan the contact information for the summer crew so they can work together to finalize the area.

Trail Guide

Review status of Trail Guide: Peter reported that Paul Marcus's wife is working on a write up on the Altmann property and will have it ready by September 1st. Peter also worked with Chris Nelson to get an updated version of the overall trail map to be included in the guide. He is looking for a good high resolution image for the cover, portrait style with lots of pixels. He is working on the layout. If anyone has ideas for a cover image feel free to send it to Peter. Two Brothers Rocks might be an option, since it was where Bedford's trails began.

Trail Blazing, Mapping & Maintenance

Ralph brought up a question on maintenance of kiosks and adding updated material. The kiosk at the boat landing needs updates however that is not maintained by the Trails Committee.

O'Connor CA: Status update from Mark following completion of trail system on July 28th with summer crew; review draft of trail map. Confirm trail entrance location on Old Billerica Road. Area still needs signs at Noreen Drive and Old Billerica Road. There is poison ivy that needs to be removed at the Old Billerica Road trail entrance. Check on this status with Elizabeth's summer crew.

Massport/Southwestern Bedford CA's: review proposed trail map. New symbol needed for Massport trails. Confirm existing blazing. Hal will take the proposed map and confirm the questions that were noted.

Update on map boxes: Currently on the list are map boxes at Altmann, Winterberry Way/Langone, Old Causeway, Lindau and Minnie Reid. Any others needed? Include 20 copies of map in each and add trails brochure? Fawn lake needs laminated North Bedford Regional trails map.

Review sample map boxes to discuss a preferred option that will need final approval from the Conservation Commission. The subject of map boxes was not discussed as key members were not present at the meeting.

Summary of Land Stewards Meeting in April: Has report been reviewed by Elizabeth? No discussion.

Update from bar code subcommittee: Bruce confirmed that the site he has been researching would be free to use without any licensing or fees. You type in your URL and it generates an image that can be printed and scanned.

Trail Walks & Public Education

August 6th - walk was cancelled

September 3rd - cancelled for holiday weekend

October 1st - needs a leader

Next meeting, Tuesday, September 13, 2011