

**March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**Trails Steering Group Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Drew Schaubhut, Hemali Parekh, Gordon Taylor, Larry Kunz, Keith Silver, Betsy Taylor-Kennedy, Rebecca Longvall, Alex Arapoff, Chris Fitzgerald

**Location:** Town Hall (foyer)

1. **Meeting Location:** Rebecca to follow up with town clerk on meeting location scheduling conflict.
2. **May Trails Meeting:** May 13<sup>th</sup> to avoid conflict with Town Meeting
3. **Eagle Project, Annie Moore 12' Bridge & Kiosk at Bolton Woods TH:** Waiting until better weather – waiting on bridge approval 2 short bridges & kiosk. Alex willing to volunteer to help, can reach out to Greg.
4. **NRHS Volunteer Day Feb 9th:** Betsy, Gordon, and Rebecca supported finishing trail marking at VH recent re-routed trail
5. **Website:** Not transferred yet to Trust – Gordon has administrative access to Trust website. Gordon/Hemali struggled to copy Boltontrails.org content over to Trust site. Have temporary work around in test mode, but not optimal solution. Very manual work around is possible, but not preferred. Will work with Rich further and provide update next month. Late news - Gordon has been able to access widgets with administrator privileges). Gordon will make a demo to show what it would look like if merged fully with trust site where it would just be a pulldown menu. Another option would be for the Trust to take responsibility for the site as it is at the current server (1and1ionos.com - one of the biggest such companies in Europe with a significant US presence).
6. **Trail Walk:** Fyfehire walk successful with handful of participants. March location: Zink-Northwoods (Houghton Farm as alternate if flooded). Dates proposed were 22<sup>nd</sup> (World Water day) or 29<sup>th</sup>
7. **NE Power Land Access Agreement near Houghton Farm:** Response received indicating Nat Grid may sell property in future. Alex volunteered to look at bridge potential re-route as spring flow would be good time. Recent Houghton Farm surveying indicates location on trail map seems accurate. Discussed benefits/risks of moving vs. waiting for sale of property.
8. **Materials in Container:** Generally running low. Conservation budget looks tight for significant resupplying effort.
9. **New Maps Update:** Chris started Umap for Bolton as approved user to edit – Jeff/Gordon/Betsy/Chris have met (and will continue to meet) for tutorials – will be ready to present progress at next meeting
10. **Haynes Wheeler Land:** Betsy/Gordon marked outside boundaries and trail in HW property. Opening in Springtime pending undergrowth clearing. Verbally discussed with Nicewicz during trail work a proposed alternative easement going toward Peach Hill Rd Trail, which avoids crossing likely driveway location of adjacent property lot for potential upcoming sale. Also takes trail users away from Wattaquaddock Hill Road for a more pleasant experience.
11. **New trail to Sawyer Grist Mill Site in Rattlesnake:** Waiting on snowmelt. No new communication from Environmental pools. Generator back in container.
12. **Workshops with SVT, BCT, BCC and AG Com in Bolton:** May 4<sup>th</sup> “Forestry / Chapter 61” Field trip to Wilder Rd property recently harvested in the fall.

13. **Gravelly Brush Cutter Tune Up:** most likely May/June (current FY) OR July (new FY)
14. **Parking at Bowers:** Concrete RR Ties from Bolton Orchards, DPW will transport after winter. Discussed benefits/risks of additional parking spots and impacts to abutters. Larry agreed to work on a plan with new information, but any changes will be a ConCom decision. Rebecca mentioned resurfacing parking lot is OK with DPW but pending material availability. Seedlings maybe available for planting in parking area.
15. **Work on the wilder trail:** Tadmor going to put trail in.
16. **New “BoltonTrails.org” logo?** Chris will touch base with eager friend on new logo for new website – may conflict with All Trails Patch – discussed perhaps waiting for 12 months when new guidebook/maps released (new branding strategy?). Moving forward with proposals to present at future meeting. Chris to send out friend’s portfolio. If new logo is used attribution is requested on website.
17. **New Trails Investigation:** Gordon showed tracks from 2013 north of Fyfeshire, going to look into easements further, likely within 50ft of brook.
18. **Telephone poles off the ground at Town Common:** No update, maybe taking some from South Bolton Rd?
19. **BCT Website Update needed for Town-wide Map of Properties:** completed
20. **Sign at Bartsch Connector Trailhead at Bare Hill Road:** Waiting for spring to install
21. **Town of Berlin Conservation Land Management Meeting, Date TBD:** No update
22. **Bolton “All Trails Club”:** No update
23. **TDNC Project Ideas proposed for campers:** No updates
24. **Thoreau Trails Meeting:** No update