

Minutes of the July 8, 2019 Bolton Trails Steering Committee Meeting

Attendees:

Drew Schaubhut (chair), Steve Rothman (note taker), Gordon Taylor, Betsy Taylor-Kennedy, Larry Kunz, Rebecca Longvall, Alexis Arapoff, Keith Silver, Hemail Parekh

1. Rebecca mentioned a major land donation in Berlin on Peach Hill Road, on the Bolton border– a little of the land is in Bolton. The whole process will take a while to close– perhaps as much as a year.
2. Gordon reviewed the map meeting with Chris, Bob Roemer, Steve and himself. Gordon has started working on turning Chris' maps into image files we can use for on-line PDFs, and eventually a new book. Steve is providing icons for those new maps; that way we don't have to worry about any legal constraints from using free public domain images.
3. Gordon has been looking for sources for the text for the new maps. He's found most of what we'll need in existing documents from various sources in town.
4. Steve suggested some of the iPhone users in our group look at the "Across Lexington" app. A friend of Steve's created it, and said it would be pretty easy to create a Bolton version, using the data we already have.
5. Several folks suggested we look at the "Trails in Carlisle" book– that it's really well done. Rebecca volunteered to try to get one from the Carlisle ConCom administrator.
6. Rebecca has a copy of the AMC Bridge Building Guide. If you're interested, you can borrow it from her.
7. Greg reported (indirectly) that the kiosk at Annie Moore has been started.
8. We had a brief discussion about the town map supplied by the Trust in the center of the new Bolton phone book– some of the information is out of date. Steve volunteered to send a note to the key Trust folks suggesting that in the future, they refer map requests to the Steering Group, so we can make sure the latest information is provided.
9. The Bowers Springs projects, driven by Larry:
 - a. ConCom approved the Bowers parking upgrade. The next step is detailed planning. One area which needs to be addressed is ADA requirements for a handicapped spot(s).
 - b. Clear Summit will donate "loam scraps" to resurface the section of the trail around the lower pond at Bowers. There are still some questions about the best way to distribute and spread it. We'll probably start with a small test area.
10. The replacement land bridge at Vaughn Hills is done.

11. Based on Rebecca's interactions with National Grid over the past year, we've decided not to do anything for now– we'll continue using the existing trail. At some point in the future, National Grid may decide to reopen discussions about a permanent solution.
12. There's a tentative plan to do the Garrison House cleanup on July 17.
13. Danforth needs work– it's quite a mess. There are trees down, and one of the bridges appears to have been moved, presumably pushed by water.
14. The new Keyes Farm subdivision (just north of Danforth on Route 85) will have a trail connecting to Danforth.

Next Meeting Monday, August 5, 2019 - Houghton Building
