

Minutes of the September 9, 2019 Bolton Trails Steering Committee Meeting

Attendees:

Drew Schaubhut (chair), Steve Rothman (note taker), Gordon Taylor, Betsy Taylor-Kennedy, Chris Fitzgerald, Larry Kunz, Hemali Parekh

1. Gordon and Chris talked about the progress on the new maps– there has been a lot. Greg sent an email with lots of really good comments on the new maps; Gordon responded. Gordon has been sending emails with status updates and his plans for the maps.
2. We will need to post new laminated maps at the trailheads. There was some question about whether the (free) lamination process to which Rebecca has access will last a long time when exposed to the weather; there was a guess that the Staples process is better– but that would cost several dollars per map.
3. Chris gave an update on the logos: the decision has been made. There are 3 black&white versions, and the same 3 with green color(s). LATE NEWS: Gordon has starting using them on the new maps.
4. Gordon has created some trail signs. He needs more wood; he'll check the container to see if there's any in it. If there isn't, he'll ask Rebecca if ConCom can pay for some more.
5. Steve needs the "area polygons" to try the "Around Bolton" app experiment. Chris will see if he can export it from uMap.
6. Right now, we only have contour lines on the map within the Bolton town boundaries. A future enhancement will be to have them in the nearby areas of surrounding towns.
7. Larry is creating detailed task lists for the Bowers work party scheduled for Sept 21/22.
8. Several folks have run into bee/wasp nests as they've been working on the properties– usually in the ground.
9. Gordon is adding all the bridges to the Vaughn Hills map.
10. There have been some requests for more trails (at Vaughn Hills?). Those would need ConCom approval.
11. Larry reported the concrete railroad ties are too big to use as wheel stops at the Bowers parking lot– they would stick up too high. He's going to look for other options to mark the parking spots– one option might be to bury them so they don't stick up so high. Larry is working with Joe Lynch to find a solution. The town has plans to resurface the parking lot.

12. The new master map needs to show the Bartsch conservation restriction (a recent change).
13. Larry will do a test section of filling in the roots on the Bowers trail. Jeff Bryan has volunteered his truck to carry in the material.
14. Gordon and Betsy attended the Historical Commission meeting because they had agenda items about the Whitcomb Garrison foundation site and Quaker Park. The Garrison site is owned by the Trust, and it makes sense for the trail volunteers to clean it up. LATE NEWS: Drew, Gordon, Bob Roemer and Larry did a fantastic cleanup of the site on September 20.
15. We may look at asking the Cultural Council for some money when it comes time to publish the new book. The money they have is for reimbursement– you have to spend your own money first.
16. Chris informed us about the "Strava Heatmap" (www.strava.com), which shows where people have actually hiked/biked. It's a great way to confirm where trails actually are located.

Next Meeting Monday, October 7, 2019 - Houghton Building
