

Bolton Trails Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes - August 6th, 2018

Attendees: Rebecca Longvall, Keith Silver, Gordon Taylor, Betsy Taylor, Larry Kunz, Hemali Parekh, Alexis Arapoff, Drew Schaubhut, Greg Matte

1. boltontrailscommittee@gmail.com vs. boltontrails@boltonconservationtrust.org Discussion about pros and cons of each option. General consensus at meeting was to move forward with boltontrails@boltonconservationtrust.org moving forward, but want to confirm with Jeff B
 - a. Pros of Gmail account: 1) Less work --> so won't have to update trails guide, website, maps in field, and other currently published branding 2) looks more independent of Bolton Conservation Trust and Conservation Commission
 - b. Pros of BCT email account: 1) Can easily update membership list as people join/leave the group 2) Looks more "official"
 - c. Recommendation if permanently transferring to BCT email account:
 - i. Request to update website references
 - ii. Request to update guidebook references on next revision
 - iii. Update Town/Trust website for references
 - iv. Update maps in property as needed, as they fade
 - d. Can rely on gmail forwarding for foreseeable future
2. Trail maintenance guidelines - Drew to send out to group for final approval with latest change and logos
3. Trust Auction discussion
 - a. Al Fresco Dinner – updated to 8 people, Larry working with Gordon on Menu, Betsy to follow up with Nashoba for access go-ahead → Next Steps: Cutlery/Plates/Tables/Chairs & Gordon to send out email for rain date
4. Trailer Cleanup - Recommend good winter activity of cutting most of the Trex to standard bridge width to save space, and re-inventory - also discussed adding ant traps to trailer
5. Trail Walk suggestions for August, September - Recommended to use underutilized property of Randall Vinger - may need to do a weed-wacking prior to walk
6. Vandalism at Rattlesnake - Discussed remediation of spray painted trees was to gently scrub trees with oven cleaner/paint thinner...sometimes spray-painting natural colors over is more appropriate, not in this case.
7. Fyfeshire damage - discussed, no actions, taken care at ConCom prior to end of year - structure may need additional repair due to aging
8. Fishing in Bowers Springs - Rebecca will perform search by end of year to determine actual rulings on individual ponds since each might have an individual conservation restriction and make recommendation based on outcome. Fishing at Bowers has not been a problem and we shouldn't necessarily be looking to restrict it.
9. Discussion about trail projects
 - a. Bowers - Larry volunteered to lead Invasives removal effort
 - b. Annie Moore – Hilltop Overlook bridge: Greg recommended having his son investigate feasibility of Eagle Scout project tie-in, re-routing trail to avoid fall-line will be investigated
 - c. Powder House - Drew installed 3 map signs at previously discussed locations including pipeline crossing...no frames, just 10mil laminated signs and some trail markers
 - d. Zink-Northwoods - Bridges are getting slippery - mentioned Brushing to remove grime on composite boards
 - e. Rattlesnake - Recommend to look at flooding on southwest corner trails over time, report back with data
 - f. Randall-Vinger - At junction T/Q need "No Access" Sign
 - g. Welch: Trees down on lower Philbin-Salmon trail
 - h. Fyfeshire: ADA compatible trail recommended with benches between junctions A and F - Engineering Study Project at Dam ongoing - End of Trail signs needed at both ends of pond (nicer than No Trespassing - Keep Out currently there)