
Minutes of the February 7, 2022 Bolton Trails Steering Committee Meeting

Attendees:

Larry Kunz (chair), Hemali Parekh (note taker), Rebecca Longvall, Bob Roemer, Gordon Taylor, Betsy Taylor-Kennedy, Andrew Schaubhut, Keith Silver, Greg Matte, Steve Rothman

Chairperson - Larry

Note taker - Hemali

Waivers

- Rebecca is still working on them. People are not comfortable with the language so she is working on improving it. If anyone wants to sign existing papers then she will send again once language is update.

Equestrians - Cynthia, Emily - ConCom meeting, grants, etc.

- We did not discuss as Cynthia was not able to join.

Major projects. List limited to top 3 priorities.

• **Taggart**

- Gordon and Steve put “Dead End signs” at five locations. One was someone’s backyard, three to the old railway line, one is going near railway bed, couple of others were private land and one was state land.
- Gordon made QR codes working again and sent pdf files to Rebecca to get laminated. Rebecca was waiting for NPS to provide logo. New logo has been added so she can laminate them now.
- NPS logo is not present on other maps(online or on trails). The information signage that Brianna worked on is the project which was funded by Nashua River Watershed Stewardship council which is from Nashua Wild and Scenic project and they require proper logo.
- Gordon asked if we want wooden frames as they are aesthetically pleasing. Brianna nailed them to the trees. Rebecca would like wooden frames with posts. DPW will help put posts in spring. Rebecca will email the total number of posts that are needed.
- Gordon mentioned that post at the end of soccer field also needs to be replaced.

• **Bowers**

- Drew went to Bowers but hasn’t done anything. Larry will go out when he can as weather gets better.
- Bittersweet - Larry is thinking of winter work party. Email to volunteers, if planning for a winter work party of 2-3 people. Bob highly recommends

micro spikes for any work during this time. We can advertise on Bolton public social media channels like Next Door.

- **Wilder.**

- Multiflora roses: we can cut branches during winter. Plant needs to be 2 feet high in order to use Bob's bush whacker. Bob has not tried on multiflora rose.
- Clearing from shared driveway into meadow and up to railway bed. Shared driveway to meadow is a different project as per Gordon but parking a car there with snow on side is not that easy. DPW can't plow private common driveway but they plan public parking areas. It is 80% multiflora roses after bridge. The massive tree by shared driveway is White Oak which is priced for its wood. Bob used photo micrograph to identify the tree.
- Greg will ask if Boy Scouts need a winter project. Greg will send email to new Scoutmaster that we can reach.

Sign Inventory Database

- https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LUFOfmopVxOHxnb8QIkdiNJPjnd-nkSdTR8I0ifP_zk
- Gordon has updated Taggart, Danforth, Vinger-Vannable, Fyfeshire, Bowers and Wilder. Greg updated Annie-Moore and suggested alternate way using a file with pictures. We need to find ways to make this easy to visualize and maintain. It's easy to find date when inventory is updated using google docs. When using maps, it shows where everything is located. Can we link to uMap? Can we connect latitude and longitude on uMap?
- Website theme updates?
 - Do we want to update website? Larry would put together a list as he finds. Gordon is talking about a new theme to update look and feel of website to make it look fresher.
- Walks and events – Rebecca
 - Next walk is planned for February 23 at noon at Houghton Farm conservation area. Last month's walk at Rattlesnake went well. Gordon, Betsy, Bob and his wife attended. Other attendees that had never gone to Sawyer Grist mill before so it felt good to lead a walk.
 - Walks can be posted on Next Door, Facebook or other social media if someone from volunteer group wants to do.

Area ReviewBeach

- umap.openstreetmap.fr/en/map/anonymous-edit/208600:n6ETPGWLnMDcac23Wovwb5y3YtE
- Vaughn Hills Gordon fixed an out of date sign that was reported with non-working QR code.
- Bowers - Most reported issues have been there waiting for better opportunity to go and take care.
- Beach erosion: ConCom needs to review that. DPW or ConCom will lead that effort. Assessment is completed in fall. Funding would be available either in spring 2023 or fall 2023. Communication/outreach is needed. Trails committee will also be able to participate but information might be sensitive to people as vegetation needs to be removed and people don't like it. Larry also asked if area the sink hole can be blocked off by placing rocks near it? Rebecca will discuss if we can block off certain areas before we can block off areas as wood gets moved by people.
- Leaning tree that was a problem for horses needs help from DPW.
- Zink-Northwoods: Lamination has leaked from a new map.
 - Sign needed at cross roads - Cross roads at the top has mismatch if trail goes through private land or trust land. Someone needs to discuss the land owners, Bosselait. They had moved a sign after Rebecca installed it so that sign does not get damaged by their plow. Rebecca says that it would not heard to ask them but Rebecca thinks that she had reached out but don't recall response.
- Town Common: Map is updated but maps database needs to be updated. Betsy has the picture that can be used.
- Vinger-Venable: We discussed the rerouting of trail once again. Part across the water is very wet so we can't place a trail there. Trail needs to be closely looked at and check if there was a god survey drawing to help exactly where that strip is. It requires work as there are also multiflora roses. There is also a stone wall at the end of that trail. There is no gap so we might have to check with new neighbors. We also discussed if
 - Eagle projects: Greg has not heard lately as part of the reason might be covid. It has changed hands so Greg is sending email to new scout master.
 - All the missing trail are now on online maps.
- Gould-White: Trail is updated on the map for signs.

- Trails Club - Greg mentioned that he has delivered the patch to new member who completed trails.
- OpenStreetMaps and Oliver has differences. We do not make changes to it or update them but it's worth aligning them. Rebecca said that Bolton and other conservation groups are reaching out to organizations like AllTrails and OpenStreetMaps to ensure that the maps match with real trails so people don't use other people's backyard. Larry asked if we can give them to update. Rebecca said that they are working collectively to resolve this instead of town by town.
- Oaks - Gordon and Drew have been doing the work. They have been chipping away on that project. Gordon and Betsy has put arrows up near the development.