
Minutes of the July 05, 2025 Bolton Trails Steering Committee Meeting

Attendees:

Andrew Schaubhut, Bob Roemer, , Steve Rothman,

Chairperson - Drew

Note taker - Hemali

Meeting maps: <https://www.boltontrails.org/Latest-Meeting-Map>

Trust meeting - Drew

- They discussed what to name the new conservation area near Hazel land that is recently acquired. Since Smith property will connect with Hazel property and Levison property and then connects to Northwoods. Bob will help with the sign. Drew will get permit for the sign so, it can be installed.
- Vespa property agreement is being drafted so it can be protected with a CR.
- Drew contacted New England Power company multiple time without success.
- Wilder is moving forward.

Hazel

- Trail is completed (well done Drew) and online map updated by Gordon - ready for review (click [here](#) or here <https://boltontrails.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/5-Zink-Northwoods-Jul-2025-draft.pdf>)
- Some arrows, new and updated trailhead maps (new ones at Warner Rd and the Hazel Trail Junction), and signs are needed. Gordon has some frames. Maps can be released when approved. Please let Gordon know if you are happy with them. Perhaps we can use the plastic menu material that Hemali for the trailhead maps. It might be more resilient than a laminated paper print out method; worth an experiment maybe?
- Note the addition of a parking space on at the no longer "orphaned" Smith conservation triangle on Warner Rd. Is this OK?
- We discussed that Warner Road parking is just one spot. Since Rebecca is not here who would help with additional parking spot approval process. Would it be Lauren or Town Administrator.
- Bob said to send to Lauren and copy Randy and Mary.

Rattlesnake Bog Bridge - Bob

- Bog Bridge Eabhan Ambrose's Eagle Scout project plan for the Rattlesnake bog bridge has been completed and signed by Rebecca. It's planned for June & July, if weather is good. The material has been delivered to Bob's home.

- Bob will meet with Eabhan this week. He will work with troop to cut the material. Rest is straight forward.
- West Great Brook Bridge on the Horton Trail - Max Roemer was re-nailing some loose planks that had lifted when Cub Scouts walked along the edge; he realized the tops of the telephone poles were completely rotten. Suitable wood has been found by Chris Slade. The rest of the material has been delivered to Bob's home. This is unlikely to be an Eagle project and some strong volunteers will be needed.
- Bob said that Chris Slade said that marine piling is not going to work but he has found telephone poles that were broken off at the base that would work for the bridge. Bob has everything else ready to go. Annie Gherkins grand son is tall and strong. He would be able to help move material on other side of the bridge.

Wilder

- Bridge Repair - Chris, Larry, Keith; Drew has been working on this with ConCom.
- We have to refile this project as we are reducing length of bridge to 20 feet. They are concerned about light penetration and impact to resource area. No other issues during public hearing.

Scouts' projects - Bob

Bob has been coordinating with the leadership.

- Fyfreshire Bridge Repair
- Peach Hill Bridge Repair
- Ballville Trash Removal
- Vaughn Hills Pond submerged boardwalk removal
- Wilder Road Map installation (Needs coordination with other groups)

Mass Trails Bridges State Grant update

- Annie Moore is done. Chris was going to do a recon and give a summary. We will wait for that.

Volunteer newsletter - Hemali

- It has not been sent. Since trail marking is done, we can now prepare a newsletter and send.
- Property acquisition for Hazel and rerouted the trail can be mentioned.
- Signs for unauthorized trails are not put up yet so let's not mention that.
- New bike stand at Rattlesnake - Bob will send pictures.
- Invasive clearance work done by Larry can be mentioned.

Bowers-Larry

Invasive Sessions - no update.

Hikes

- Hemali is planning a hike in August for AMC. She will share that once it is posted. Tentative date is either late July or early August.

Wildflower walk document – Hemali

Should the Trust publish a hard copy (suggestion from Bob)? Maps on plastic for use at the Trailhead have been ordered by Hemali.

- Hemali heard conversation about maps. Gordon and I visited the printer. He was going to give us a quote with that paper. I never heard back from him with any quotes. I don't think we had placed an order.
- Gordon wanted to know if we could score the paper and fold it which the printer did not know about.
- We already printed laminated copies so we were not in rush to get the other ones.

Approved projects

- Rattlesnake/Skinner Land Bridge Repair on Sawyer Grist Mill path
- Welch Pond Trail to Sawyer Road Gordon and Drew. Needs maps and signs, Gordon has started marking the limits of the available land.
 - Marked trail looks steep.
- Vinger Venable Route clearance - Gordon

Vinger Venable Route modification

This project needs ConCom approval. Gordon to assemble a map and reasoning; no progress.

Storage

- Organize and inventory. Coordinate with Rebecca/Lauren.

Vaughn

- Unauthorized mountain bike jumps. Abbie and Chris have noted these. Liz has mapped some of them (see below). Rebecca is working on wording for some signage. We could help to install it when ready. Anything new?
- Trail re-routing near the Moen entrance; do we need to do anything? - Rebecca. Probably not much has happened

Trail color coding - Rebecca and team.

Colors done and grant requirements complete. Yellow (BHT) marking completed.

Online maps updated

trailhead maps updated

Updated legacy maps in the woods laminated and can be installed

Sign Database

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LUFOfmopVxOHxnb8QIkdiNJPjnd-nkSdTR8I0ifP_zk

Area Review

<https://www.trailcare.com/map>

- Powder House - Drew had marked a few but someone has cleared them.
- Houghton Farm, Taggart, Oak Trail, Bowers and the new trail look clear.

- Vaughn Hill Road has a couple of tree down that were reported on 15th and there are reports of vandalism.
- Taggart, Danforth, Keyes Farm and Annie-Moore looks good.
- Rattlesnake has no report but Bob reported that there is a tree down by bog bridge. Someone might be able to move it or a chain saw is needed.
- Welch Pond has a couple of tree down. One of them is in the area where people should not be hiking.
- Gould-White has random chairs and a tree down report. Plastic chairs should not be left. We should talk with Rebecca once she is back.
- Peach Hill had a report of tree down.

Deferred

- Trails Guide print run — only 3 copies left in stock. Target is a 2026 edition available in the autumn. Continue with the delay until color coding completed. Also, see how Zink Northwoods, Welch Pond, Derby Field and Wilder changes work out. Names of interested customers were collected at BYB
- Wilder - Common driveway path clearance.
- Century Mill Update - This would be a spring 2026 project. Margaret Campbell has some knowledge about historical trails in this area and might be available to show us the route(s). Trails planned. Volunteers and BTC will be needed for clearance of the pathway once flagged.

Derby Field: Working draft map:

<https://boltontrails.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/19-Derby-Field-working-draft-5.pdf>

- Waiting for Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program Action Grant Project - Future Resilient Field at Derby; announcement anticipated June 2025. Was there one?
- Clarification needed from the people at 580 Main Street; is there anything new? Currently we are waiting for a response from Alta Nashoba.
- Trail destination signs will be needed.