
Minutes of the November 03, 2025 Bolton Trails Steering Committee Meeting

Attendees:

Andrew Schaubhut, Bob Roemer, Larry Kunz, Gordon Taylor, Betsy Taylor-Kennedy, Larry Kunz, , Chris DeMers, Keith Silver, Abbie Maguire, Sarah Ernst-Edwards, Steve Rothman

Chairperson - Larry

Note taker - Hemali

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

Trust meeting - Drew

- Hazel property - A draft has been created by the lawyer. Trust is working with the Town to schedule a meeting date with ConCom and Select board.
- They have reached out to Vattes family to protect farmland.
- SVT came to the last meeting to discuss joint outreach programs with land owners in the town. Gordon asked if Wilson farm is on the list as they are interested to protect the land. Wilson Farm is on Long Hill Road. Drew will contact them.
- Black Friday Walk will be a Vaughn Hill from Moen parking lot. New Year's Day walk will be at Taggart land.
- Annual meeting is planned for June 27. Rain date is June 28. It will be focused round the camp.

Bosselait Junction at Zink Northwoods - Drew

- Drew has contacted them after Gordon made and shared signs. They needed a couple of clarifications but, overall they are ok with the signs. (No shot animals and no trespassing.) Since Gordon is busy with the Guidebook and other projects, he will get back to the signs as soon as he can, One sign will be placed at the junction and one at the boundary of the property.
- It connects Houghton Farm through their land. They don't want people to trespass their property.

Rattlesnake Bog Bridge - Bob

- Bob said that the material, 6 16 x 8, are delivered. Project is waiting for crew to get started. Pieces are very heavy so the best way to bring them to the site was discussed.
- Bob suggested to cut them first before bringing them to the site. That seemed like the best option to the group.
- It was discussed to bring the material to the site before winter. At least try to move one of the beams to see if we need additional material.

Moen Trail relocation - Keith and Chris

- Keith, Gordon and Chris were planning to meet during the week to get started on this project. The relocation does not impact resources so, Rebecca has approved it.

Wilder Bridge Repair

- Bob Hatch is busy. Drew is waiting to hear back.

Scouts' projects - Bob

Details were sent to Girl Scouts leader but there is no response yet.

- Fyfehire Bridge Repair
- Peach Hill Bridge Repair
- Ballville Trash Removal
- Vaughn Hills Pond submerged boardwalk removal

Annie Moore Kiosk

- No updates .

Volunteer newsletter - Hemali

- No updates.
- Next one to be sent in January. By then we would have Black Friday and New Year's Day walks.

Bowers-Larry

Invasive Sessions

- No new Invasive removal sessions were taken place this month.
- Jim Henderson mowed the meadows that looks great. Tree margins are also done. There are still some trees that had some invasive plants growing from lower branches. They will take care of them before spring.
- Work is being done to restore beach. Memorial bench's footing needs to be fixed to protect the bench. There is plan to bring material to protect the bench. Larry is working with Lauren and Rebecca.
- There is more sand at the beach, but it might not last too long. Due to that the bench seems to be getting in the water.
- Sink hole with cone was also discussed but no new update. We might be able to place a plywood with a stone on top so, no one would fall in the hole.

Hikes

- Trust is offering a Black Friday hike and a New Year's Day Hike. Details in Drew's update.

Welch Pond Trail to Sawyer Road - Gordon, Drew

- John Mortimer is the scout who is planning to work on the Eagle Scout project. His mom came to Backyard Bolton. She brought her son after Gordon asked about this project to her.
- Now he has submitted proposal to the Boy Scouts. Gordon has sent a feedback to him. Rebecca is on agenda on ConCom to discuss the steps he wants to create to get on Sawyer Road. John is planning to be there. Matt Bosselait is going to mentor him. He made the trail as part of EagleScout project.
- This is a ConCom project so Rebecca should be the contact
- Gordon did modify Welch Pond map assuming that this project would go through.

Approved projects

- No updates.
 - Rattlesnake/Skinner Land Bridge Repair on Sawyer Grist Mill path
 - Vinger Venable Route clearance - Gordon

Vinger Venable Route modification

- No updates. It needs ConCom approval. Gordon to assemble a map and reasoning; no progress.

Storage

- Organize and inventory. No updates yet. A meeting is needed with Rebecca/Lauren and get key to reorganize the storage.

Derby Field

A historical trail system that was in earlier trail guides. Working draft map: <https://boltontrails.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/19-Derby-Field-working-draft-5.pdf>

- This requires completion of the first phase of 580 Main Street. They are working on getting certificate of occupancy.
- Bolton Bean connector: Frank Patterson has agreed to put a sign behind their property to connect to the field area which is great. Whoever owns Bolton Country Manor has to agree to get the Bolton Bean Connector. Land is owned by the town.
- Gordon does not have to make any changes to the map. It just needs approval from Rebecca before its made public.
- There might be some work needed before we print it.

Trails Guide print run

- Now only 2 copies left in stock.
- Target to print new guides is 2026 edition that will be available in the autumn, but delay is almost inevitable and it's now likely to be winter at the earliest.
- We are targeting inclusion of Welch Pond extension and inclusion of Derby Field. It will include North Brook and Ballville.

- Names of some interested customers were collected at BYB.

Sign Database

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LUFOfmopVxOHxnb8QIkdiNJPjnd-nkSdTR8l0ifP_zk

Area Review

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

- Houghton Farm, Zink Northwoods, Vaughn Hills, Taggart, Vinger-Vannable look good.
- Annie Moore and Powder House looks ok.
- Peach Hill Road has a tree down. We don't manage that area.
- Rattlesnake - 1 tree down that fell on the bridge. Looks like someone took care of it.

Deferred

- Wilder - Common driveway path clearance is probably not yet done. Also a Wilder Road Map installation needs coordination with other groups.
- Century Mill Update - This will be most likely 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.