
Minutes of the September 08, 2025 Bolton Trails Steering Committee Meeting

Attendees:

Andrew Schaubhut, Bob Roemer, Larry Kunz, Gordon Taylor, Betsy Taylor-Kennedy, Larry Kunz, , Chris DeMers,-Abbie Maguire

Chairperson - Larry

Note taker - Hemali

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

Trust meeting - Drew

- There was no meeting in August.
- Gordon wants to attend meeting this month as Bill Nickles has suggested that he wants to talk about our websites and relationship with Amaranth.
- Gordon also wants to discuss about Guidebooks.
- Jan Johnson asked about signs at Vaughn Hill. Gordon has asked her to contact Lauren.

Backyard Bolton

- There will be Backyard Bolton on Saturday, 9/13. Drew is away but, he will leave tent and other items in the Trust office.
- Gordon will help to get the items from Trust office and is able to help. Chris will help to set up. Abby will volunteer for the part of the day. Hemali will help from 12-2 p.m.
- Let's mention about the hike on Black Friday and the hike that Hemali will lead.

Hazel

- Chris, Gordon and Drew has worked on the trail to re-route and put signage.
- Trail signs will most likely be placed in October as Bob is busy now.
- Bosselait has approved to swap the map.

Rattlesnake Bog Bridge - Bob

- Chris Slede won't be able to help due to sickness.
- Boy Scouts have not responded since past three weeks so, no new update.
- Bob said that they would like to use two 16 foot 6x8s. Lauren is getting the prices.
- Bridge span os 10'
- We discussed that it would take one day if there were about 6 volunteers to complete the bridge. Besides that there will be rest of the work for deck, etc.
- It might take longer to take apart older bridge.
- Bob has rest of the material. Trust might be able to help to purchase the material needed.

Wilder

- Bridge Repair - Drew shared that Bob Hatch and Stephany are involved in this project. Bob Hatch has sent email with updated price for second bridge.
- We will need a small crew to volunteer. Bridge will be installed this year.
- Drew said that if old material would be left near the road than DPW will pick it up.
- In other news, Harvard reached out to Bolton that Carlisle Conservation is interested in getting more details about the new bridges.

Scouts' projects - Bob

Bob has been coordinating with the leadership. No new updates.

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

Annie Moore Kiosk

- Kevin Wheeler is another Eagle Scout candidate who is working with Lauren on a project to install another kiosk at Annie Moore. He is being encouraged to install it at the Annie Moore Road trailhead because his original proposal was at the 117 end of the trail that drops down to Old Bolton Road which technically, although well used and well defined and even signposted, is not an authorized path.
- Greg's son will provide consulting for the project.

Volunteer newsletter - Hemali

- We agreed to send a Newsletter. We would highlight Hazel property, EagleScouts project at Rattlesnake and Color coding project.
- Hemali will send a draft and update it based on feedbacks from the members before sending it to the volunteers.

Bowers-Larry

Invasive Sessions

- Brush hog is working. Larry has used it again to control invasive plants.
- He has used it for three seasons so, it needed a bit of TLC.
- Larry has cleared an area between the two ponds in addition clearing margins by the upper pond.

Hikes

- Hemali is planning a hike on September 14 at Rattlesnake at 10 a.m.

Wildflower walk document – Hemali

- No new updates.

Approved projects

- Rattlesnake/Skinner Land Bridge Repair on Sawyer Grist Mill path
- Welch Pond Trail to Sawyer Road — Gordon.
 - This was offered to another Eagle Scout who is interested to do a project. Gordon and Betsy went with him and walked to the point where the trail connects to the Pond Trail. They have put a lot of tapes based on GPX. He likes this project. Ken is interested in this project as well especially when we put a sign calling private property where his property starts.
- Vinger Venable Route clearance - Gordon - No new updates.

Vinger Venable Route modification

- No updates.

Storage

- Organize and inventory. No updates yet but, we need to set up meeting with Rebecca/Lauren and get key to reorganize the storage.

Vaughn

- Unauthorized mountain bike jumps.
 - Signs are installed and unauthorized trails are blocked.
- Grace's Bridge needs to be moved. A team will be needed to move the bridge.

Sign Database

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

Area Review

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

- Taggart, Wilder properties are good.
- Ballville property - Gordon and Larry will take care of the 4 reported trees.
- Peach Hill - we don't volunteer there but there is a tree down.
- Gould-White - Chris, Larry and Gordon will take care a reported tree.
- Drew went to the Rainforest. It is passable.
- Keyes Farm and Annie Moore are ok.

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.