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## Minutes of the February 02, 2026 Bolton Trails Steering Committee Meeting

### *Attendees:*

*Andrew Schaubhut, Larry Kunz, Gordon Taylor, Betsy Taylor-Kennedy, Chris DeMers, Keith Silver, Steve Rothman, Sarah Ernest-Edwards*

*Chairperson - Larry*

*Note taker - Hemali*

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

### **Trust meeting - Drew**

- CR for Zayka and Hazel properties are in progress.
- Since Vattes was not under Chapter 61, our town has right of first refusal to match any offer once they start to submit forms for that.
- New England Power land is also in progress.
- We are redoing “How To conserve Land in Bolton” manual. Share any photos if you have them. It helps land owners to get information on how to donate land and save money on taxes.
- Winter Photo Contest is also in progress.

### **Bosselait Junction at Zink Northwoods - Drew**

- Signs are ready to be installed.
- Drew and Gordon would like to get photos in trial position to share photos with Bosselait's for confirmation. It might have to wait due to snow.

### **Rattlesnake Bog Bridge - Bob**

- No updates.

### **Moen Trail relocation - Keith and Chris**

- Drew was discussing this with Rebecca over an email. Rebecca has asked to monitor during the spring after snow melt to decide how to reroute the path so, we don't have to do this twice.

### **Wilder Bridge Repair**

- Now we are waiting for spring.

### **Scouts' projects - Bob**

No updates. No one has replied from the Girl Scouts. Gordon sent email to Bob and Betsy but we don't have any update from them.

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

### **Annie Moore Kiosk**

- No updates.

### **Volunteer newsletter - Hemali**

- Hemali sent a test email to Drew, Gordon and Larry. She has updated based on the feedback. There will be follow up test email to Sarah and Chris as well. Once all feedbacks are incorporated, she would send the email this week.

### **Bowers-Larry**

- All work is on hold till spring when materials would come in.
- DPW would help remove the stuff that we cut for the new land. We would have to haul the wood chips from there but, we won't have to chip it.
- Rebecca asked Larry for a potential spring date for a work party. Larry has given Earth Day, April 22 as the date. We discussed that this would conflict with the planned hike.

### **Smith/Hazel connection to Northwoods**

- Sign is ready to be installed. It will be installed in spring.
- There is no resource area near the spot where a parking space was proposed, Rebecca supports creating a parking spot but, she has asked not to show it on the map. They will rake the space during spring.

### **Hikes.**

- Drew is leading a hike on Sunday, March 22 at 11 a.m. for World Water Day and a hike on April 22 at 1 p.m. for Earth Day.
- For World Water Day Drew is planning to lead a hike at Derby Field.

### **Welch Pond Trail to Sawyer Road - Gordon, Drew**

- John Mortimer, the scout is going to work on the Eagle Scout project.
- Gordon showed him how to make a sign. Bob also shared details on how to make a big sign like "conservation Trust". He was asking about where to buy materials, etc so, he is figuring out cost. He is working with Rebecca.

## **Approved projects**

- Rattlesnake/Skinner Land Bridge Repair on Sawyer Grist Mill path - Drew has taken lumber out of container to get started but, this is on hold till spring due to snow.
- Vinger Venable Route clearance - Gordon - No updates.
- Taggart - Drew is working on presenting to ConCom for Taggart.

## **Vinger Venable Route modification**

- No updates. Next step is to put a proposal and getting it on ConCom's agenda.

## **Storage**

- Drew, Gordon, Chris, Keith and Larry got together to take an inventory. They pulled everything out and reviewed with Rebecca. Concrete might be used for Welch pond project to make steps.

## **Derby Field**

- Map is updated. Signs are proposed by Gordon. Once they get reviewed then he can make those signs during winter.

## **Acreages in all documents**

- No updates yet but Gordon can do some work in this area. Rebecca has come up with a guideline.
- Rebecca will work directly with Gordon for this.
- Drew would like to leverage any acreage that we can.
- Chapter 61 can be revoked so, Rebecca says that we cannot include it. Private land with easement can't be included. For example, Zink Northwoods has path that is on private land can't be included in total acreage but, its included in old book and maps on website.

## **Sign Database**

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LUFOfmopVxOHxnb8QIkdiNJPjnd-nkSdTR8I0ifP\\_zk](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LUFOfmopVxOHxnb8QIkdiNJPjnd-nkSdTR8I0ifP_zk).

## **Area Review**

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

- Welch Pond, Powder Mill, Houghton Farms, Zink Northwoods, Taggart, Wilder, Vinger-Vannable, Danforth, Fyfeshire, Keyes Farm, Derby Field, Rattlesnake and Annie Moore are ok.
- Bowers Bridge repair at Harvard should be on agenda.
- Vaughn Hill has a lot of tracks from Woodside Drive going up to the North peak. There is a down tree near the new switch back.
- Bower Springs bridge - Site visit is done. Larry and Drew have a plan to fix that bridge.

- NorthBrook Trail has a tree down which requires one more person so, Gordon has not done it. It seems like it can be dragged but not by one person.
- Signs there have fallen to the side. It requires post hole digger. Drew wants to only use manual post hole digger due to agriculture land.
- Gould-White has a post that needs to be replaced.

### **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.