
Minutes of the April 05, 2026 Bolton Trails Steering Committee Meeting

Attendees:

Andrew Schaubhut, Larry Kunz, Bob Roemer

Chairperson - Larry

Note taker - Hemali

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

Trust meeting - Drew

- CR for the Hazel and Zayka properties are moving along. Trust is trying to get update on Vespa property.
- Signage for "Conservation boundary" has been ordered for Trust owned Quail Run property adjacent land owners have clear cut. Help would be needed to place the signs.
- Photo contest is extended till June.
- Guide for "What will happen to your land". Targeted photos would be helpful for the layout.

Meetings

- * May Trails Meeting will be moved to May 11 due of Town Meeting.
- * Proposal for a delegation to meet Rebecca in person once per month - Hemali to talk with Rebecca about time. She can join during afternoons on Tuesday but not during the morning.

Community Event

- May 9 —> backyard Bolton has been moved to June 6. Drew can help with set up and tear down. They were discussing about time shift but, we should check before confirming. Hemali won't be able to help.
- May 31 —> Community Appreciation Day at The Winery May 31 at Winery - Larry and Hemali can help. We could sell Trail Guides and have the usual arrangements for a table.

Rattlesnake Bog Bridge - Bob

- No updates. Water is still high. Drew proposed to move lumber as a Trinity Church volunteer event. They were interested to help. 4-5 volunteers can do the fairly quickly.
- Plan is to cut into 4 and 5 foot sections before moving it.

Moen Trail relocation - Keith and Chris

- Site review with Chris and Keith would be done during the next week or so then update map/plan as necessary and create action plan to start/complete work.

Wilder Bridge Repair

- Pre-construction site visit has been conducted (Rebecca & Drew present). Notify Rebecca of start date.
- Drew wanted to get a start date set up as now at any point this can be done. Let Rebecca know when date is planned.

Scouts' projects - Bob

No new updates yet.

- Fyfeshire Bridge Repair
- Peach Hill Bridge Repair
- Ballville Trash Removal
- Vaughn Hills Pond submerged boardwalk removal
- Rebecca has shared opportunities and details with Scouts. She is waiting for response.

Annie Moore Kiosk

- Scout reviewed materials last week and followed up with a question about scope. Life coach and Scout lead have been brought into the conversation.

Volunteer newsletter - Hemali

- Draft a newsletter for May. Remind about photo contest and descriptions for the April and May hikes as well as any volunteer work done during Earth Day can be highlighted.

Bowers-Larry

- * Invasive clearance Sessions are planned on April 25 and 26 for Earth Day.
- * Larry would like to send an email to Trail volunteers and plan a date based on responses. He might do two days. He would send a draft for Rebecca.
- * Bog Bridge in the Trust Land in Harvard; permission given for us to fix it. It can be done with rocks. Just waiting for water to warm up and level to go down.

Smith/Hazel connection to Northwoods

- Drew reported that Chris and Leslie Demers helped to install new sign. Bob made wonderful sign. Lots of compliments on the new sign great work!

Hikes.

- Water Day hike went well. They had a rainy day but hike was good. Good turn out.
- Earth Day Walk is planned at Bowers Springs on April 22 at 1 p.m. for Earth Day. Poison ivy disclosure has to be mentioned. Also, good to promote invasive session.

Welch Pond Trail to Sawyer Road - Gordon, Drew

- John Mortimer, the scout has asked Rebecca if kiosk is needed for that area. Bob and Rebecca has said that kiosk was approved as part of the project so, it should be done as part of the Eagle Scout project.

Approved projects

- Rattlesnake/Skinner Land Bridge Repair on Sawyer Grist Mill path - Drew has taken lumber out of container to get started. He would coordinate with person who lives on Skinner property or new environmental pools property.
- A pine tree came down near kiln. They had to clear red oaks and others leaving pine that is about 25 inches in diameter. Chris and Leslie helped with other trees.
- Once Bob gets the equipment, he is planning to cut and slab it.
- Vinger Venable Route clearance - Gordon - No updates.

Taggart extension

- There have been 3 ConCom meetings and one site visit. A decision has to be made whether a stepping stone type crossing would be ok knowing that beaver dam might flood.
- ConCom is not comfortable of placing a trail where it might flood in future. There will be future meetings to make decision. A sign with statement might help to deter people from crossing when dam floods.

Derby Field

- New signs are needed and Map has to be updated with private lands. New locations for 12 more signs were identified.

Acreages in all documents

- No updates yet. Rebecca shared that Drew and I are discussing and will loop Gordon back into discussion when he returns.

Broken bridge at Bowers on Harvard land.

- Harvard has given us permission to fix it. It's on Harvard conservation Trust land.

Color-coded trails

- Rebecca has responded that the marks are stockpiled for replacements. We can visit Gould White or Vaughn Hills and apply for funding for additional markers for those properties. Should be reviewed summer/fall.
- Rebeca does not recommend extending white markers beyond the parcel itself. As it is likely to utilize these markers/color system in other properties that do not connect to the Bolton Loop Trail sections. It will be important to keep that route identifiable and differentiated from other trails in other properties.

Sign Database

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

Area Review

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

- Vaughn Hill, Taggart, Welch Pond, Fyfeshire, Gould-White, Vinger-Vannable, Houghton Fram, Zink-Northwoods, Keyes Farm, Danforth and Annie Moore are all ok.
- Chris messaged about one at Powder House that he could not clear up.
- Bowers has a small tree.
- NorthBrook Trail has a couple of trees. Gordon put some of the leaning signs back upright.
- Rattlesnake - Bob brought up the white pine tree that took down 6 trees and there is another one that he would clear.

Deferred

- Wilder - Common driveway path clearance is probably not yet done. Also a Wilder Road Map installation needs coordination with other groups. Rebecca has asked to not do anything so, we should take this off the list as per Drew.
- Century Mill Update - Rebecca is prioritizing Moen Vaughn Hill this spring first. (clearing route is confirmed by concom)

Any other Business

- Trinity Church wants to help on May 3rd with project to move lumber and remove trash along the road. It would be great if someone can follow up since Drew is out for few days.