
Minutes of the June 1, 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

- Vattes and Vespa property discussions are in progress. Trust is talking with owner near Farm Road. Owners want to donate the land they own.
- Photo contest would end on July 1.
- Trust Annual meeting would be at Bowers Sprigs on Saturday, June 27. Trust would celebrate 50 years of Tom Denny Nature Camp by planning activities that highlight the camp activities.
- Betsy brought up to invite Bonnie Potter who originally started the camp. Trust is already in contact with her.
- Trust is still interested in targeted photos for the Guide for “What will happen to your land”.

Meetings and administrative stuff

- Plan is to meet with Rebecca on Thursday at 9 a.m.
- Hijacked email address and lists in general
- Steve Angelini has been getting spam emails from Angie. We have taken him off the contact lists.
- Rich said that someone has hijacked his email. Steve Rothman has suggested a few options. It seems like the issue is related to Yahoo as it does not protect against spam emails.

Community Event

- Backyard Bolton - Hemali, Gordon, Betsy, Larry and Sarah can help. Larry, Gordon, Betsy, Drew and Sarah would help with set up. Sarah and Larry will cover for the morning. Hemali will cover after 12 p.m. Gordon and Betsy would help to cover most of the time. Keith can also help. Drew can help with set up and take down. Event is from 10-2 p.m.
 - Everything is with Gordon as they used it on May 30.
 - We plan to do a slide show using iPad. Keith has wildlife videos. Keith suggested if we can show pictures of trail activities. Hemali can help put together a powerpoint.
- May 30 —> Community Appreciation Day at The Winery May 31 at Winery - Larry, Gordon and Betsy helped. It was a good event with 7-8 vendor. There was decent traffic and people were interested in Trails.

- Ellie asked if we can mark some of the trails that the kids at Tom Denny Nature Camp at Bowers. Gordon said that some of those trails are part of Harvard. It would be good to walk with her to figure out which trails. We should talk with Harvard to see if we can mark the trails that are missing tags. Larry will contact her to set up a walk.

Rattlesnake Bog Bridge - Bob

- Waiting for the water to recede. Water level was still high when Drew checked.

Moen Trail relocation - Keith and Chris

- Rebecca has marked the trails. Larry says that relatively modest removal on that area. No large trees as part of it. This is ready to work on.
- Two other re-routes are in proposed stages. They are flagged but cannot be cut as they are going through approval process. Drew says that he can trust judgement of this group. For one of them it was close to property line. Larry will talk with Rebecca on Thursday.

Wilder Bridge Repair

- Project is in progress. Rebecca is planning to come to review. Review might be late since group is planning to complete this on Friday. Bridge is close to be done.

Scouts' projects - Bob

No new updates yet.

- Fyfreshire 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

- Kevin Wheeler, an Eagle Scout candidate is working with Lauren and Rebecca on a project to install another kiosk at Annie Moore. No updates.

Volunteer newsletter - Hemali

- Hemali will meet with Gordon. Gordon mentioned to wait till Friday for the bridge to be done before drafting the newsletter. Hemali was sick last month that delayed the meeting. Gordon has photos of the bridge work.
- Steve is planned to do some updates to the website.
- Hemali tried to add new update for invasive clearance at Bowers but, it needs to convert from page to , it can be tagged.

Bowers-Larry

- * Bog Bridge in Bowers has permissions. They are waiting for the water level to be lower. Gordon thinks that water level might have gone down as he noticed lower water levels during a hike.

Hikes.

- No hikes are planned for the summer.
- We discussed that during the Trust meeting a hike of Tom Denny Nature camp with the history of the area would be great. Historical society might have some history.

Welch Pond Trail to Sawyer Road - Gordon, Drew

- John Mortimer is planning to do as Eagle Scout project. Last time when Gordon met with John and his father, his father raised a questions about the closeness of steps to the road. Gordon was thinking that the scout should use steps. Randy from DPW said that they cannot build anything within 6 feet of the road. Gordon thinks we can still solve the issue.

Approved projects

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

Taggart extension

- There have been multiple ConCom meetings and one site visit. A decision has been made to not make trail there but have people walk on road for that short distance as its a hazard if that part gets flooded.
- Gordon asked if a foot bridge can be placed next to the real bridge.

Derby Field

- Gordon went for a hike there to visualize where sign would go. This path is also over grown. It would need a weed whacker.
- Drew is planning to work on that on Thursday. Gordon would help.
- Larry brought up that he met with the property manager and he was interested in trails adjacent to this property. People are interested in property that is close to trails. Larry would help with discussion with property manager if there are any plans where he can help. There is no plan at the moment.
- Gordon's friend might be able to automate sign making. He has CNC machine.

Acreages in all documents

- No updates this time. Rebecca has agreed with Drew about which land to be included in the maps. 61A and B should not be counted as open space but, where there is a legal path, the area of legal path can be counted as open space. This would require some calculations before updating trails. Some paths are narrow and other is

wider. Gordon suggested to call each path as approximately 6 feet wide and calculate based on that. Rebecca has agreed with it.

Sign Database

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

- Bosselait sign has been added but, not Hazel property has to be added.

Area Review

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

- Danforth, Annie Moore, Houghton Farm, Keyes Farm, Vaughn Hill, Taggart, North Brook Trail, Fyfreshire, Welch Pond and Vinger-Vannable, Wheeler are all doing ok.
- Powder House has a tree down.
- Wilder has a tree down. They will take care on Friday. Weed whacking is also needed in an area along Goose Pond Road.
- Post at North Brook Trail is temporarily fixed. It needs deeper hole to stabilize the post.
- There is a report on Bosselait land. Tell Rebecca to notify the owners as they preferred to clear it themselves.
- Rattlesnake has a big tree that is blocking the trail. There is no easy way to get there.

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.
- Century Mill Update - Rebecca is prioritizing Moen Vaughn Hill this spring first. (clearing route is confirmed by concom)

Any other Business