
Minutes of the May 11, 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 and Vespa property projects are moving along. Vladis land is being taken off chapter 61, so the Town has the right for first refusal.
- Signs for "Conservation boundary" are available 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 and administrative stuff

- Larry will contact Rebecca to schedule meeting with her. Most volunteers would prefer morning. This week Tuesday does not work, so proposal is for Wednesday.
- * Volunteer email lists Gordon said that there are three lists but, it turns out that we only have a single list that we can use. trailsvolunteers@boltonconservationtrust.org is the list that has been maintained by Gordon and it has been working. There was an issue with the Amaranth which impacted delivery of email to that email. That issue has been fixed now.

Community Event

- June 6 —> backyard Bolton is moved to June 6. Drew can help with set up and tear down. Final headcount during next meeting. Trail guides, posters, etc., can be picked up from the Trust office.
- May 30 —> Community Appreciation Day at The Winery May 31 at Winery - Larry can help. We could sell Trail Guides and have the usual arrangements for a table. Gordon to email Matthew Kelley to get more details.

Rattlesnake Bog Bridge - Bob

- Trinity Church volunteers have helped to move the wood.
- Waiting for the water to recede.

Moen Trail relocation - Keith and Chris

- Site review with Rebecca is done. Rebecca has flagged it very precisely. Trail is moved inland.

- There are three places that are being moved. One is by the wooden bridge that was moved recently. The other route needs ConCom approval. Rebecca should bring it up to ConCom. If she needs help, we can help.
- The one that is approved would require some work. Hardest part is to brush it in so, people don't use that bridge. Assess the new trail before volunteers start to do the work.

Wilder Bridge Repair

- Project is ready to be started. Thursday is the planned date but, it might rain that day. They will have to check with Bob Hatch which date works.

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

- Kevin Wheeler, an Eagle Scout candidate is working with Lauren and Rebecca on a project to install another kiosk at Annie Moore.

Volunteer newsletter - Hemali

- Draft a newsletter for May. Meet with Gordon has a lot of photos so, Hemali will meet with Gordon to see what material is present for the newsletter.
- Hemali to add new updates on website.

Bowers-Larry

- * Invasive clearance Sessions was done on April 25 and 26 for Earth Day. Two volunteers joined and a lot of work was done. One of the volunteers from Harvard joined.
- * A lot of poison ivy and bittersweet were removed. A lot of bittersweet was taken out. Almost all from one section. They have been placed on site to be composted.
- * Larry is planning episode 2.
- * Larry will send pictures to Hemali.
- * Chris said that there is excess curbing in parking lot that might be useful at Moen parking lot. Larry would bring it up to DPW to help move that material.
- Bog Bridge in the Trust Land in Harvard; permission given for us to fix it.

Smith/Hazel connection to Northwoods

- This project is done.

Hikes.

- Earth Day Walk went well. There was a small group but they had a good time. One of the person from the hike was the other volunteer for Bowers work party.

Welch Pond Trail to Sawyer Road - Gordon, Drew

- John Mortimer and Gordon met on Thursday to answer questions that he had. He sent a report to Rebecca. His father raised a questions about the closeness of steps to the road. Would he need permissions from planning board? Gordon has asked him to check with Rebecca.

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 and talk to person who lives on Skinner property or new environmental pools property.
- Vinger Venable Route clearance - Drew/Gordon - No updates but, one of the neighbors mentioned that entrance to trail is awkward so, it would be good to get that done. Gordon and Larry can help if needed.

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

- New signs are needed and Map has to be updated with private lands. New locations for 12 more signs were identified. Gordon knows someone with CNC machine. He has helped Gordon for signs lately.
- Rebecca has asked about new GPX tracks for the trail.

Acreages in all documents

- No updates yet. Drew has said that we need to reconnect. Rebecca generally agrees with Drew as long as there is a footnote. As an example, 61B land can be added to the trail maps but with footnote.

Broken bridge at Bowers on Harvard land.

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

Sign Database

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

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

Area Review

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

- Houghton Farm, KeyesFarm, Vaughn Hill, Taggart, Wilder, North Brook Trail, Fyfeshire, Welch Pond and Vinger-Vannable are all doing ok.
- Zink-Northwoods Trail has a tree that is split in a way that is dangerous. It was suggested to wait for next storm as cutting it might hurt the volunteers. It was marked as fixed since we are not doing anything. DPW won't come that far from road to cut the tree.
- Bowers has a tree that can be cleared with hand saw. It's in Harvard but it can be easy to do. Moen also has a tree that is in Harvard. It is bigger so, leave it.
- Gould-white signs need to be fixed. Chris has details and says that there is material for one of the signs. They will try to fix the other sign once ground is warmer. The wood is not good as the sign was only placed recently and the wood has rotten so quickly.
- Derby has another dangerous tree that won't fall but it is hard to clear.
- Construction debris were reported by Chris but it is not sure if that is on town land or private property. Also to check with Rebecca as sometime there is more debris once the top layer is removed.
- Rattlesnake has a tree that Chris tried to clear. It is passable but not cleared as it is larger tree. It should not impact hikers or mountain bikers.

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