

**WELLESLEY TRAILS COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**January 15, 2019**

Attendees: Joan Gaughan, Diane Hall, Miguel Lessing, Steve Park, Denny Nackoney, and John Schuler  
Absent: Bob Brown, Jared Parker, James Pugh, Laura Robert (NRC Liaison), Ekaterina Zemlyakova  
Guest: Jeffrey Zupan

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM.

No one attended for Citizens Speak.

A motion to approve the 12/4/18 TC meeting minutes by Denny was seconded by Dianne. The vote carried unanimously.

The spring walks sweepers were determined, still expecting further volunteers from those absent to this meeting. The members of the committee plan to walk the scheduled spring walk of the Sudbury Needham Aqueduct route on Sunday April 7 at 9 A.M.

Denny described the materials to be presented to the Mobility Working Group (a part of the Unified Plan) listing the major deficiencies of the Wellesley recreational trails network, both in terms of road crossings as well as sidewalk issues. Particular discussion developed on expanding the history behind concerns at the State Street parking lot and including current DPW plans to correct problems.

The Trails Project List was then opened for discussion:

- Two Rte. 9 crossings close to the Crosstown Trail are being worked on, and the proximity to each other was questioned. First, the crossing by the soon-to-open Wellesley Sports Center close to Lexington Rd., which we are unclear on who is leading the effort within the Town government. The second is the MWRC Landline project pedestrian crossing on the Cochituate Aqueduct, for which a \$30,000 grant has been issued to the DPW for its study. The TC believes only one may eventually become a reality but not knowing which way MassDOT will go, the Committee in supporting both proposals.
- The DPW proposed installation of parking bumpers at the State St. parking lot to prevent encroachment from parked cars seems to have been delayed. We will address it with the new DPW director.
- We continue to have storm water flowing down the Sudbury Path and pooling below the newly constructed Babson College tennis courts. We sent a letter to Babson College detailing the problems, and an on-site meeting with Babson College, DPW, Wetland Protection Committee and Trails Committee was held on January 4. Babson College has agreed to take corrective actions.
- DCR addressed blowdowns in the area along the Charles River in back of Walnut St. office park buildings. The trail is now clear.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 26th at 7:00 PM in the NRC office.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Documents available by request: Trails Project List January 15, 2019, Wellesley Trails Walks Spring 2019 flyer, Deficiencies in Wellesley Trails Network Draft 1/15/19.

Miguel Lessing  
Secretary, Wellesley Trails Committee