

**WELLESLEY TRAILS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
January 28, 2020**

Attendees: Bob Brown, Joan Gaughan, Diane Hall, Miguel Lessing, Denny Nackoney, Steve Park, Laura Robert (NRC Liaison), John Schuler, Jeff Zupan and Ekaterina Zemlyakova.

Absent: No absences.

Guest: Len Poitras, former Trails Committee member.

Location: NRC Office, Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM

A motion to approve the November 19, 2019 WTC meeting minutes by Jeff was followed by a second from Ekaterina. The vote carried unanimously.

Laura described the ongoing discussions about reconfiguring the Morses Pond Beach set up and the work going on at the Cochituate Aqueduct close to Russell Rd. for a canoe landing.

The Spring Trails Walk originally planned for Sunday 4/26/20 on the Brook Path and Crosstown Trail has been rescheduled for Sunday 4/19/20 to avoid a conflict with the CNC event.

Denny described the ideas to develop a connecting trail from the DCR one to Route 9, in conjunction with the development of 350 residences on William St. This trail would connect to Hemlock Gorge.

- A conversation ensued regarding the temporary fence on top of Maugus Hill to keep people on the trail. We will keep an eye on its evolution and determine if a more permanent fence is necessary.
- A three-section bog bridge will be necessary to address another muddy section at Centennial Reservation. It is a likely Eagle Scout project.
- The Complete Street time for citizens' input is coming to a close and Denny encouraged all to provide suggestions each may have identified.
- Denny presented an Inventory of Trails Infrastructure for inclusion in the DPW broader inventory. It provides location coordinates and data for all trail markings and infrastructure serving determination of individual items' life spans and budget justifications.
- Miguel mentioned the Town's Wayfinding signs being installed in the Wellesley Square area, the result of a project where businesses, town government including the Trails Committee had input.

The Trails Project List was opened for discussion:

- Crosstown Trail: steps on the embankment of the Cochituate Aqueduct at Dale St for better pedestrian access to the new Sports Center are expected to be built in May by a Boy Scout Eagle candidate.
- Marking a new woodland trail in the North Forty property is waiting for Selectmen's approval.
- We are hearing that the Newton Two Bridges Riverside Trails are finding encouraging support within that town and will nicely complement Wellesley trails network.
- We hope to improve and clean up the Town Forest trails off Barton Rd. sometime in May.
- The installation of flower boxes on Charles River bridge is waiting for Waterstone's determination of the water source for their maintenance.
- Work with Lisa Moore on Trails videos is on hold waiting for better weather conditions.
- The Committee voted to have Diane proceed with the purchase of hats and shirts for an expense to be below \$500.00. The vote was all in favor and one vote against.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, February 27th at 7:00 PM in the NRC office.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Documents available by request: Trails Project List 1/28/20, Wellesley Spring 2020 Trails Walks flyer, Wellesley Trails Infrastructure 1/28/20, Wellesley Office Park map showing possible trail connection to Route 9.

Miguel Lessing
Secretary, Wellesley Trails Committee