

WELLESLEY TRAILS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
February 27, 2020

Attendees: Bob Brown, Joan Gaughan, Diane Hall, Miguel Lessing, Denny Nackoney, Steve Park, John Schuler, Ekaterina Zemlyakova, Jeff Zupan
Absent: Laura Robert (NRC Liaison)
Guest: Jonathan Baxter, Len Poitras, Eric Sofen, George and Mark Luzaitis
Location: NRC Office, Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

George Luzaitis presented his Eagle Scout Project Plan to build a set of steps from the Cochituate Aqueduct down to the pumping station near Dale Street.

A motion to approve the January 28th, 2020, WTC meeting minutes by Joan was followed by a second from Jeff. The vote carried unanimously.

The committee reviewed the schedule and staffing for the spring walks.

Denny summarized the proposed bog bridge projects at Boulder Brook Reservation and at Centennial Reservation. The bridges need approval from the Wetlands Protection Committee. He also reviewed DCR project RFPs for trails connecting the Riverside bridges over I-95 to the Quinobequin Rd trail in Newton.

The committee discussed a resident's request for drinking fountains on the town trails and recommends to the NRC that fountains could be useful on the Brook Path.

Jeff reports that the Mobility Working Group is focusing on efforts to improve the first and last mile connections with the Route 16 corridor.

Len Poitras communicated a request from the Nehoiden Golf Club that the committee place a memorial sign on a trail near the golf course. It appears that this section of trail is on Wellesley College property, but we will meet on-site with him to determine exact location.

John reports that the Waterstone community commits to providing a water supply for planters on the bridge of flowers project, and we can proceed with purchasing the flowerboxes.

Diane reports that she ordered apparel for the committee.

Wellesley Media requested video recording of walks on all town trails. Lisa Moore (NRC) and a WTC member would be needed. Miguel or Diane plan to represent the WTC. The series will start with a tour of 3 trails. The project is in need of a narrator.

Denny scheduled a project for the reroute for a trail in the North 40 for April 18th.

Denny will check on the status of building the proposed trail connection to the Sudbury Aqueduct from the adjacent housing development on Route 135.

Steve reported that the clean-up of the Town Forest trail adjacent Barton Rd will occur May 1st with the help of a local Girl Scout troop. The DPW will lend a dumpster.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 31st at 7:00 PM (Cancelled due to coronavirus).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Documents available by request: Eagle Scout Project Plan, Proposed Bog Bridges at Boulder Brook and Centennial, Riverside Connection to Quinobequin Rd, Trails Project List February 27th, 2020, Meeting Minutes Jan 28th, 2019.

Steve Park
Vice Chair, Wellesley Trails Committee