

WELLESLEY TRAILS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
June 16, 2021

Attendees: Bob Brown, Denny Nackoney, Diane Hall, Ekaterina Zemlyakova , Eric Sofen, Joan Gaughan, Jeff Zupan, John Schuler, Steve Park
Absent: Laura Robert (NRC Liaison)
Guests: Jay Prosnitz
Location: Outdoors on the lawn behind Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

A motion to approve the meeting minutes for May 12, 2021, was made by Ekaterina and was followed by a second from Joan. The vote carried unanimously.

Committee elections were held for FY22 officers, and the results were: Steve (Chair), Denny (Vice Chair), and Eric (Secretary).

Assuming current guidelines for the pandemic are in place for the fall, we decided to hold four regular fall trail walks and will not hold a Kid's Trails Day. The schedule and leaders are: Guernsey Sanctuary Trail (Diane), Sun Sept 26, 10:30; North 40 Trail (Denny), WWW, Sat Oct 2, 9:30; Town Forest (Joan), Sat Oct 16, 9:30; Boulder Brook Trail (Steve), Sun, Oct 31, 10:30. Joan will check with Wellesley Conservation Land Trust about any conflicts for the Sept 26 walk.

We discussed which sites we wanted to inspect for potential Five-Year Plan projects. The first will be held Wednesday evening at the Wellesley Office Park on June30 at 6:30.

Two projects were completed at Centennial Reservation to correct trail condition problems. Redundant trails in the lower meadows were closed off, and the DPW will stop mowing them. A fence was installed at the top of the upper meadow on Maugus Hill to restore the meadow, and the DPW will not mow the meadow this year to encourage vegetation growth along the edge of the trail. We also held on-site meetings with two local trail maintainers to discuss how to deal with drainage and erosion on the upper hill meadow trail, and they gave us good ideas to consider.

We installed the flowerboxes on the DCR Charles River footbridge, and Waterstone has planted flowers for people to enjoy while walking across the bridge.

The DPW and Select Board are working on obtaining grant money for a signalized pedestrian crossing at State St for the Brook Path, and the DPW plans to get it installed in FY22.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 11 at 6:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Documents available by request: FY21 Project List (6/16/21), Future Trails Development and Improvements Projects (5/12/21), Wellesley Trail Walks (11/18/19)

Submitted by,

Denny Nackoney
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