

**WELLESLEY TRAILS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
July 15, 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: Chris Dean
Location: Outdoors in the backyard of Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

A motion to approve the February 27, 2020, WTC meeting minutes by Miguel was followed by a second from Joan. The vote carried unanimously.

Town Clerk K.C. Kato took the members' oath for the current fiscal year.

The Committee was delighted to have a meeting, the first since February. We believe we are the first board to have an outdoors meeting to satisfy the Covid-19 guidelines.

The Committee reviewed the schedule and staffing for the fall walks. The Walks flyer differs from past ones as it indicates the schedule is tentative because of the Covid-19 challenges. We will follow State and Town directions.

We will work on opening a new North Forty woodland trail on August 2nd starting at 9AM.

George Luzaitis completed construction of steps off the Crosstown Trail by Dale St for his Eagle Scout project, and the reroute of the Crosstown Trail by Rte. 9 by the Boston Sports Institute is awaiting final Board of Selectmen approval.

Cleanup of the Town Forest at Barton Rd. is subject to the help of Girls Scouts. We may start on our own.

Installation of the flower boxes on the Charles River Bridge is delayed because the work demands participants to be too close to each other.

Diane reported that there is glass and other debris on the southern sidewalk of Rte. 9 between the Town Forest and Hastings Rd. We will investigate.

A discussion ensued about the need of a railing by the steps next to the Waban Arches. The steps gravel has disappeared over the years. Its replacement should provide sufficient traction and stability for most walkers.

We briefly discussed the effort to improve walkway from Wellesley College to South Natick line and that Joan and Steve would meet on site to discuss.

Officers for the fiscal year started July 1st, 2020, were voted in: Steve Park, Chair; Denny Nackoney, Vice Chair; and Miguel Lessing, Secretary.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2nd at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Documents available by request: Wellesley Trails Fall Walks flyer, Fall Walks, Events & Projects 7/15/20, FY20 Year End Project List, FY21 Project List as of 7/15/20, routing map of North Forty and rerouting map of the Crosstown Trail by Dale St and Rte. 9 crossing.

Miguel Lessing
Secretary, Wellesley Trails Committee