

Southborough Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

RECEIVED
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
2018 AUG 23 A 8:53
SOUTHBOROUGH, MA

Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Meeting Time: 7:15 PM

Meeting Location: Recreation Office, 21 Highland Street, Southborough, MA 01772

Meeting Called by: Kathryn McKee

Note Taker: Satyendra Sharma

Attendees: Dan Frank, Luisa Vargas, Satyendra Sharma, Kathryn McKee, Isabelle Murphy

Agenda Topics & Discussion

- Kathryn called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM
- Earth day Earth day trails clean up re-cap –
Most of the Trail locations that needed trash clean up were done.
Still areas alongside the roads and water that need clean up.
It was suggested that we could organize more roadside clean up days.
We need to consider making areas more accessible and safe for volunteers to work.
We could organize a competition – prize for one who collects the most garbage
We could get reach out to local businesses to help sponsor.
- Unknown trail near intersection of Route 9 and 85.
This unofficial trail was most likely created by those who fish the reservoir; it is owned by DCR and is not part of Southborough trail system. It does not connect to any other trail and is located between two busy roads.
- Peninsula Trail updates –
No new updates. Dan to talk with MWRA about the application status. We need to confirm how to handle the various structures along the proposed trails (fencing, etc.) trails. We need this information to be able to complete the 8M permit application. The trails need to be permitted before we can apply for any grants.
There is a possible alternate trail route instead of going through the driveway (i.e., Stonybrook road), we could potentially use a grassy access road along Route 30. Would need permission from MWRA. Need to consider parking.
- Burroughs Loop Trail (BLT) update-
Meeting with Borough's Loop Trail group on May 3rd. Need to finalize the number of blazes needed for the Southborough section of the trail. Expected to have blazes ready to post by July/Aug 2018. Next BLT meeting will be in early July.
Due to safety issues, the BLT on the official map will not show a trail along the Rt. 30 causeway and another small section further east on Rt. 30, over the small bridge on the Southborough/Framingham line. The trail will stop and start around these areas.
Bill Fadden, the regional Bay Circuit Trail representative, met with Kathryn to do a site walk and discuss alternative plans to work around the bridge. Next step is to confirm the entity to connect with to discuss the alternatives for the small bridge (e.g. Mass DOT, Towns of Southborough/Framingham).

- BWALT (Boston Worcester Air Line Trail): Scheduled for September 27 at the Southborough Library. Other walks scheduled in surrounding towns. will circulate flyer. Need to advertise as time approaches.
- The Scout project implementation guide still in progress

Approved 04/18/2018 Minutes

- Kathryn moved to approve minutes. Dan seconded. Unanimous Vote: 4-0

Project updates

- Facebook is up and running
- Website ownership transitioned to the town; converting website from old to new underway.
- Scout Troop 92 agreed to volunteer to help clear the Sudbury Reservoir Trail of tree debris – a community service project. Details to be worked out over the next couple weeks.
- Alex Flynn's Eagle Scout Project - meeting on Thursday, May 24th with Alex Flynn and DCR to do a walk through and discuss the project.

Future Projects

- Old Northborough road and Route 30 – parking and kiosk with map and info – 2019 project
- Isabelle volunteered to be the Trails Committee representative for the Bay Circuit Trail Association and attend meetings.
- Luisa to lead the video project that involves creating short trail videos with the help of SAM (Southborough Access Media)
- Need cross walk at the intersection of White Bagley Road and Route 30
- Project Priorities – Other side of Rt. 30 steps and more posts with blazes along the trails

Next Meeting – Tuesday, June 12, 2015 at 6:30 PM

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 PM