

Southborough Trails Committee

Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Date: Wednesday, July 17, 2018

Meeting Time: 6:50 PM

Meeting Location: Southborough Historical Society, 25 Common Street, Southborough, MA 01772

Meeting Called by: Kathryn McKee

Note Taker: Satyendra Sharma

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

Agenda Topics & Discussion

- Kathryn called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM

Eric Hanson's Eagle Scout Project

- Development of parking area near the intersection of Route 30 and Framingham Road
- Proposed trailhead sign/kiosk to be installed with the trail map near intersection of Route 30 and White Bagley Road
- Trails will also include signage for visitors to pick up their trash
- Kat makes motion to support project; Isabelle seconded. Unanimous Vote: 3:0 (one member arrived late and did not participate in the vote)

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- Isabelle moved to approve minutes. Saty seconded. Unanimous Vote: 3-0

Project updates

1. Peninsula trail – status 8M application - no updates; next steps schedule phone meeting with DCR and MWRA to discuss questions about fencing requirements of existing structures
2. Borough's Loop trail – the blazes order will be placed and expected to arrive in August
 - Proposed project for the Girl Scouts; we will need to provide detailed guidance
 - Divide trail into different sections for each team to work on
 - Directional and confirmation blazes, putting blazes on same trees with existing STC ones.
 - Maps are needed
 - Town of Marlborough wants to schedule a ribbon cutting
3. Cross walk construction at the intersection of White Bagley and Route 30 came up for discussion. Kat to find out way to get the information about permissions.
4. Ward Road, SRT has been mowed
5. Website Update –
 - Renewal is up in August
 - Migration is in progress
 - Facebook is coming along nicely
6. Trails video project - Luisa is still working on it. Draft a script for the video project.
 - a. Isabelle & Luisa to work on first draft in the upcoming week
7. Getting a budget for Trails Committee; Kat talked with Doreen
She suggested to create a presentation for Selectmen to generate a pitch for this; might include:

- putting together a history; reached out to Dan to help draft
 - telling about achievements of the Trails committee since its inception
 - leverage video project
8. Educate trail users about trails safety –poison ivy, ticks – through website’s resources page and Facebook
 9. Alex Flyn’s project – text for signage getting reviewed by Historical Commission; down to 3 historical markers, text needs to be approved
 10. Boy Scout process doc – Kat is working on it
 11. Chestnut Hill farm race to be held in September offer to use of our part of SRT along Beals Preserve. Kat makes motion to approve the use of trails, Isabelle seconds and motion is approved. Mark Walter, Sun Multisport Events, is the organizer for the event. 9/22 event date; unanimous vote 4-0
 12. Trailshub.com is a subscription fee-based website – not interested at this time due to budget constraints
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13. BWALT trail project Don Burn is doing awareness talks. Southborough’s talk is 9/27 at Southborough Library. Need to advertise.
 14. Open Space recreation plan – Kat need to talk to Fred Gillespie to get status update; need this plan in place to go after the DCR grant in Feb 2019

Next Meeting – Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 6:30 PM

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 PM