

## **Trails committee meeting 10<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

Present: Bob Fisher, Gary Henry, John Green, Crista Gannon, Ryan Edwards, Jason Saltman, Joan Rech, Friends: John Gannon, Alan Stewart, Carolyn Palmer, Cliff Duncan

### Absent

Members: Ann Ottaviano, Joe Arnold, Spencer Crisp, Diane Chapman, Mark Haughwout

Meeting called to order at 6:04

### Maps:

Jason Saltman showed the committee a preliminary map that has all the existing trails in town. Committee agreed that he should finalize cartographic details. Ryan Edwards agreed to do the design work on the back. John Gannon agreed to hike the trails with GPS to verify accuracy of the map. Next steps are determining number to be printed and selecting printer.

### Trails Day

Committee agreed to go forward with Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> trails day at Lisle Hill trail. Discussion followed regarding all possible avenues for publicity. It was agreed that all trail committee members who are in town on Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> should join the hike.

### Selectboard

Trails committee is on agenda next week. John Green and Gary Henry will be there to ask town to sign a confirmation letter to accept bridge.

### Bridge

John Green, Gary Henry and Ben Joyce met with Merrill Mundell at the site of the bridge abutment on Main Street, to determine where test holes will be dug. Bob Fisher is working with the Land Trust to determine when test holes can be dug on that side of the river. Ben Joyce is finalizing a sketch to send to Matt. Cliff Duncan updated the committee on his efforts to move the pole to the other side of the street. He has a meeting on Tuesday and should get the final approval at that time.

There was discussion about the possibility of building the bridge with locally sourced materials and local welders. Currently the plan is for ordering the bridge by end of May with delivery by end of August

### River Walk

Carolyn Palmer, one of the champions of the Parking and Green Space committee, spoke about the work that the group is planning for changes to downtown parking, which will include a pedestrian walkway from west main street to the parking lot. Discussion followed to ensure that the trails committee coordinates the building of the river walk with the parking lot construction.

Carolyn will combine both parking and walkway permission when she talks to the landowners. John Green will talk with one of the land owners. It was also agreed that the renderings that Ben Joyce is working on will note the location(s) where the berm must be pierced, and will suffice for

going forward to get permission from Matt Cole (Trans Canada) and to pierce the berm from Todd.

Hoot toot and whistle

Wetlands study to be scheduled

Valley Trail

John Green noted that the Valley trail from Hermitage to Mirror lake is now open

Week of June 23<sup>rd</sup> - volunteers

There was a discussion about the 40 volunteers (35 teenagers and 5 adults) from St. Mary's Church in Holliston, MA to help with the Irene cleanup June 25th to June 29th. Projects and coordination are needed

Raponda Ridge Trail

Work day rescheduled for Tuesday May 15<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the gate on Ware Road. Regarding the new bridge connection to the Hogback VAST trail, John Greene dropped off two poles and will order the necessary materials, as soon as the ground is dry enough at the end of Theresa Lane to drive heavy equipment in there.

Meeting ended at 8:25