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TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Trails Sub-Committee

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Monday October 16, 2023

Northborough Trails Committee

Northborough Police Station Meeting Room

Attendees: Bob Mihalek, Bern Krafsig, Bill Cobb, Craig Cox, Yuhi Kashii, Masa Kashii, Victor Jacek, Dennis Lindenberg, Jim Stein

7:01 p.m. - Meeting opened by Bob Mihalek

- 1) Craig made a motion to approve the September minutes, Bill seconded. A unanimous vote approves the minutes.
- 2) Bill shared an update from Conservation Agent Vinny Vignaly on the Forest Management Plan. Vinny says that he is awaiting the first draft of a contract from Wigmore. Also, Wigmore committed to attending the November Trails Committee meeting to explain the principles and respond to questions. Craig shared a few high-level ideas and thoughts for future discussion around the Forest Management Plan.
- 3) Craig shared that the Boy Scouts will not likely be able to assist us with the work on the long muddy area on the Birdsong trail this fall. He recommended that we proceed with our own resources to complete this project.
- 4) Craig shared that he completed the usual “hunting season” Facebook post in the Trail Travelers group.
- 5) Bob asked new Trails Committee member Dennis Lindenberg to introduce himself. Bob then gave some trails history and explained some of the operational aspects of the committee.
- 6) We discussed trail maps and the open request by GIS to provide updates this fall. All members can provide updates to Vinny so he can submit them to GIS. Victor asked about standardized map software. Aside from SVT who may be using a commercial package to make trail maps, the town is only using a standard GIS package.
- 7) Dennis brought up the need to blaze the Sliding Boulders trail as it is difficult to follow now.
- 8) For the members that were not at the September meeting, Bill read the Aqueduct and ADA trail updates from the minutes.
- 9) Bill mentioned that he still wants to replace the roof on the Cold Harbor kiosk on West Main Street. He will notify the rest of the members when this will occur.
- 10) Bill brought up the need for some bridge repairs on the Cold Harbor trail above West Street. Once a date is set for the work, he will notify the rest of the members.
- 11) We discussed the status of the floating bridge on the Cold Harbor trail. Half of the bridge has been on high ground due to the water levels being low. Its not clear if this is the permanent state moving forward. Bill will check with Vinny and report back.

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 8:33p, Bill seconded. A unanimous vote approved.

Adjourn at 8:33 pm.