

# Bedford Trails Committee

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, July 8, 2014 – 7:30pm DPW 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room

**Participants** – Mark, Bruce, Chip, Clem, Jim, Michael & Adrienne (no quorum)

**Meeting Minutes** – June 10, 2014 (hold for August meeting)

Discussed July 7<sup>th</sup> email from Elizabeth regarding Sudbury Valley Trustees (Karin Paquin) and the upcoming schedule of site visits to conservation lands with conservation restrictions held by SVT. Steve Hagan (not present at the meeting) noted that the Conservation Commission could do 2 out of 5 but wants to wait until November. Have Elizabeth email when the site visits are scheduled.

## **Bog Bridges, Trail Blazing, Mapping & Maintenance**

Map boxes – status update; 3 new map boxes installed and filled at Altmann, Fawn Lake and Minnie Reid; the boxes look great and Clem is filling the Altmann map box as needed.

Trail posts/signs – status update; 100 new public trail markers ordered on July 1<sup>st</sup>; hold for August.

Huckins Farm – status update on easements; letter was sent to Gary but there was no map attachment – check status with Elizabeth. Of the proposed boardwalk locations (6, 7 & 8) two out of three sites now only need bog bridges since length of wet area is less (10-20ft).

Continue discussion on boardwalk vs. bog bridges and footprint issues. Mark noted one option is to use bridges similar to the ones at Estabrook School in Lexington that are low to the ground but had a bigger footprint than our standard. Vegetation analysis for sites will be scheduled soon with consultant and Clem is available to go.

Jim noted that the bog bridge ramps at Town Center look good and Clem asked if they could be added at Huckins Farm (4ft would be okay). Mark will make 6 of them and two ends.

Old Middlesex Rd – status update; Michael will check if Eagle Scout project was completed.

Springs Brook CA – proposed boardwalk design; no update

Job Lane/Buehler CA – status update; let Mark know when new trail work can begin. Also, Mark wanted to know if it's possible to get a trail parallel to North Road from Old North Road to Chelmsford Road and connect to Minnie Reid.

Donovan Drive/Governor Winthrop CA – status update; still waiting for Order of Conditions from Conservation;

Proposed Bedford Circuit Trail Loop– status update;

Harvard pond – status update; hold for future meeting.

Proposed trail on US FWS land from Old Causeway Rd to Carlisle Rd boat landing; Libby Herland had said there is no funding available but Ralph says it is an existing trail – hold for August meeting.

Need new bog bridge building day – Clem will talk to Paul.

## **Trail Guide**

Review status of Trail Guide; not discussed.

## **Updates from other Committees**

Land Acquisition Committee – status update; not discussed.

## **New Business/Events**

Recap of River Steward Award Ceremony; hold for August meeting.

Tick letter was sent to the Board of Health Director.

Check with Elizabeth on feasibility of adding a bike rack at Fawn Lake.

## **Trail Walks & Public Education**

Trail leader T-shirt option; continue at August meeting.

August 2<sup>nd</sup> – needs a leader, DPW to send out email to rest of Trails Committee.

September 6<sup>th</sup> – Jim will lead.

**Next meeting is August 12<sup>th</sup>**

*Meeting minutes recorded by Kristin Dowdy and approved on September 16, 2014.*