

Bedford Trails Committee

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, August 11, 2015 – 7:30pm DPW 2nd floor conference room

Participants – Dan, Hal, Michael, Chris, Bruce, Marlies Henderson (BCT), Adrienne, Kristin (no quorum)

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, July 14, 2015; Marlies noted an amendment to the minutes, the BCT board would have to ultimately approve any change to the route in Bedford. Kristin will note the change and hold approval of minutes for September meeting.

Update on Trails Committee Charge/Membership vacancies – Kristin reported that the final draft of the Trails Committee charge was sent to the Town Manager's office for Selectmen review and approval, with a copy to Conservation.

Trail Guide – Discussed how often there would be an update to the guide for any small changes to trails such as a bypass trail at Altmann. For the first round of printing, we need to decide if 100 copies would be sufficient for selling at Bedford Day for \$10 each. We can check with Peter on the prices for the lot. Peter's info provided by email confirmed that it is not cost effective to have water proof paper for the entire guide, only the front and back covers.

Bog Bridges, Trail Blazing, Mapping & Maintenance

Bay Circuit Trail update – since the BCT route is not changing for the time being, the current section through the center of town still needs more blazes. Marlies has the new blazes and can meet with Dan to walk the town campus on August 18 or 19. They will coordinate a meeting place and time and install the new BCT markers where needed.

Recap of Bog Bridge site visits/Vegetation Analysis by wetland consultant – Kristin reported that the committee consultant John Thomas from Beals and Thomas completed the bog bridge site work on Wednesday July 22nd and the vegetation analysis summaries will be forthcoming. DPW collected GPS data that will be added to the trail maps to note the proposed bog bridge locations and lengths.

Bog Bridge building day – Need to confirm with Paul for possibility of Saturday September 12.

Discuss Trail Map Inventory Sheets – areas that remain; Dan will check Carlson & Langone and Paul noted at the July meeting he would check Minnie Reid and Altmann. Chris volunteered to inventory O'Connor – Kristin will email map and inventory items.

Map boxes – status update; hold for next meeting.

Trail posts/signs – status update; hold for next meeting.

Donovan Drive/Governor Winthrop CA – status update; hold for next meeting.

Huckins Farm – update on review of easement; Kristin reported that Town Counsel sent a final version of the document back to Elizabeth, which was forwarded to Huckins. Clem had contacted DPW and noted that at this time they are not moving forward with the easement and did not know the purpose of the Trustees' Certificate that had been included with the

easement document from Town Counsel. Clem was unable to attend tonight's meeting but will try to attend on September 8th to provide additional information.

(Old Middlesex Rd – status update;)

(Proposed Bedford Circuit Trail Loop– status update for trail marker and easements;)

New Business

Annual Report for Trails Committee per Town Manager's Request – Reviewed samples from past Town reports. Discussed keeping it short and adding a photograph of the Trail Guide cover. Kristin will have a draft ready for review at September meeting.

Trail Walks & Public Education

Bedford Day, Saturday September 19th – Michael and Dan are not available. Try to find a volunteer to assist with selling Trail Guides. Check with Paul on using sample map box again.

August 1st – walk canceled

September 5th – needs a leader (Labor Day weekend); Michael will lead.

October 3rd – needs a leader; hold for next meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 8, 2015

Meeting minutes recorded by Kristin Dowdy and approved on September 8, 2015.