

Barrington Trails Committee / February 13, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:33PM.

Present: Chair Charlie Tatham, John Wallace, Jack Gale, Ted Bergeron, Anne Melvin, Denis Beaulieu, Steve Dowe, Betsy Heron

The minutes of the 1/9/2024 were accepted with a couple of minor amendments (date of next meeting, typos).

OLD BUSINESS:

2/10 walkabout @ Gonic Trails led by Jack Gale had 12 attendees, and was icy.

Serve With Liberty proposal – potentially to make a bog bridge on Rudolph's Run trail (SATWaSR) to deal with large wet area. A group will scout the area including the Black Gum & SB Trail to determine whether there is enough work to warrant the help of Liberty Mutual volunteers. Proposal due 2/23/24.

Locations for new benches discussed: Ann Tibbitts Shulz Turtle Brook Preserve (pending SELT approval), Barrington Trail (Turtle Brook Marsh; needs owner permission), Goodwill (Ledge's Loop), Calef West, Newhall.

Dog waste signs - Jack will draft up a sign; Ted will order 12 signs from Mike's Signs in Barrington. Hoping that Conservation Commission will agree to provide funding.

NEW BUSINESS:

UNH Birds, Bees & Trees project presented by Denis – suggestions for catchy phrases to be put on signs should be sent to Denis if anyone is inspired.

Trail Maintenance spreadsheet – it was requested that we add initials if trails were walked, even if no work was to be done. We will also start adding volunteer hours to the spreadsheet.

Website – changes needed to Conservation Commission website will be discussed in a separate meeting between Charlie & Jack. Betsy will check in with Scott Heron about his potential web services.

"Trails for People and Wildlife" information book passed around. We will attempt to develop trails at the Town Hall property following these guidelines.

Walkabouts – it was suggested by Denis that we bring First Aid Kits on all walkabouts. Betsy will send out a few options for consideration.

Two lots abutting the Town Forest are in the infancy stages of being potentially purchased by the town.

Jack suggests the April walkabout to be held on the afternoon of April 8th at Stonehouse Pond to view the total solar eclipse (which will be at 94% in Barrington). Jack will check in with SELT about whether they have any plans there on that day.

Next Walkabout: March 9th led by Charlie Tatham, at SATWaSR.

Next meeting: March 12th at 6:30PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36PM.

Notes compiled by Betsy Heron