

The Barrington Trails Committee meeting on 4/12/22 was held at the ECLC.

Meeting was called to order at 6:40pm.

Present: Charles Tatham, Denis Beaulieu, Ted Bergeron, Chadd Hippensteel, and John Wallace  
Minutes of 3/8/22 were accepted with one change: Scout troop is "358", not 538.

Old Business:

March 26<sup>th</sup> and April 9<sup>th</sup> walks. Both well-attended. April 9<sup>th</sup> walk had about 19-20 people. We took the Blue and Red Trail down to the river and former bridge site. There were three kids on the hike, who had a blast. Chadd took a spill into the Isinglass. He is okay. There is metal trash on the trail. It's too rough for scout troops to pick up. We should get it at some point. Atv's are very evident on the trail. The quad tracks lead right to the neighbors house. Charlie will stop by to keep an eye out.

May 'Bird' Walk: Scott Young and Dan Hubbard to lead.

SatWaSR April 5 Cleanup: Got a lot done.

-There are wet areas on Cottontail Trail. The Rabbitat Road. bypasses are working. There are some places for weedwhacking to control underbrush on the Cottontail trail.

Alarming the ECLC: next meeting this building will be alarmed when we leave. Talk to Connor, and someone well get the pass.

Painted Rocks on Trails:

These are known as "kindness rocks," and as Denis points out, they are seen on trails throughout the Seacoast. The rocks usually punctuate entryways to trails, but they are also placed on key features on the trail. The main concern is that the painted rocks—which usually depict birds, plants, and nice phrases—will lead to painting of larger rocks and ledges on the trail. An example of natural items like sticks and sod being used to make art with a deeper meaning is the the Silent People sculpture on the Straight Back Mountain trail. Painted rocks could also carry a powerful message, but it needs to be well thought out. John will ask Karolina for more information.

For more information on the stick people, please visit these two links:

Read first: [https://www.laconiadailysun.com/community/lake\\_style/the-silent-people-of-alton/article\\_578fa4dc-7ce5-56fd-995f-9ead6511f840.html](https://www.laconiadailysun.com/community/lake_style/the-silent-people-of-alton/article_578fa4dc-7ce5-56fd-995f-9ead6511f840.html)

Read second: <https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/the-silent-people-suomussalmi-finland>

Waterbars for Goodwill Trails: We missed the deadline to register for Liberty Mutual work session. We hope to install 6-8 waterbars. We have not outlined the process to make a waterbar. We did pick a date to do the work—May 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am. Our goal is to install 6-8 waterbars. We picked May 22<sup>nd</sup> as a rain date. On April 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm, Charlie, Chadd and whoever else wants to attend will go to the Goodwill Trail to figure out the layout of the waterbars.

Tricentennial Parade: We are going to walk in the parade. It is July 23<sup>rd</sup> and starts at 1:00pm. We need to be there at around 11-11:30am to get our place in line. We will be dressed as hikers. As our theme is "trails committee," we should choose corresponding

outfits. The Citizen of the Year will be carried in a Horse-drawn-buggy immediately in front of us. We shouldn't have to pick up horse droppings. It might be comical and useful to bring a shovel.

Please see website, [Barrington300.org](http://Barrington300.org), to learn rules and restrictions. There is no throwing candy, for example. Charlie will fill out a form. We discussed several worthy recipients of the Citizen of the Year award, both past and present.

#### New Business:

Santa Claus Trail: There are trees down across the trails. There is blazing needed in a couple places. There are three places where people need to circumvent large puddles. There is another puddle at the fork at Rudolph's run. There is Barberry at another intersection. The history of the Santa Claus trail was discussed: there was a big plastic Santa in a tree. It's not there anymore. He fell out. Charlie is going to reach out to discuss possible times the coming Friday and Monday the next week to do trailwork.

Where the puddles are, Charlie discussed the option to go upstream and ford a new crossing. We discussed removing invasive plants briefly, a weed wrench is a useful tool for pulling larger stems. They make this tool in different sizes. You can pull by hand. Youthful excitement is needed—this is hard work.

#### Additional Trail Work:

SaTWaSR—where the bridge is, is a major priority.

Bridges: We have the material boards. We need to haul the material to the puddle. 9/10 of a mile. Plus a tape measure and a pencil. A saw. Not arduous, but needing doing.

Jeb's Jaunt: Blazes are missing coming back, they're there going in. There are numerous streams crossing the trail. A huge puddle. The tractor uses these roads. This is a trail to avoid in spring.

Social Media Action: "TRAILS TO AVOID IN SPRING" .... Then list.

#### Barrington Trail Trekker:

There may be a sponsor of a local business or two.

Cub Scouts: They are available May 21<sup>st</sup>. They may need some assistance. Since this is our Waterbar trailwork day, there may be some overlap.

#### Weekend Walkabouts:

-June 11 --- SATWaSR, Cemetery Trail, 3-5 miles. John (?) lead.

-July 9 – Denis will lead. Turbo Cam trail.

Next Meeting: May 10 at the ECLC.

Adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Chadd G. Hippensteel