

Barrington Trails Committee **Draft** Minutes 12/10/19
Barrington Elementary School
Meeting called to order at 6:40pm

Present: Chair Charles Tatham, Doug Winter, Marika Wilde, Jack Gale, John Wallace, Anne Melvin, Denis Beaulieu

Minutes of 11/5/19 were approved.

Old Business:

Updates: At the November Weekend Walkabout 14 attended. Hunters are using Stonehouse Forest. Wear orange if you walk there. The Conservation Commission voted to accept Dan Ayer's bid to do the Seavey Bridge Rd parking lot. The Goodwill kiosk has been moved to the new parking lot. The Panish addition to Goodwill will not happen until the spring. The 4 acre town owned parcel needs to have all heirs contacted. The rest will be done by the end of the month.

The annual Moonlight Walk will be either 1/10 or 1/11 or 2/7 or 2/8 depending on the weather.

Adopt a Trail guidelines were discussed. The discussion included suggestions that the adopter be our eyes and ears on the trail for possible problems like vandalism, downed trees or large limbs, beaver flooded areas etc. They should report problems to a special account for the Trails Committee (bartrails@gmail.com) set up by Jack. They can do activities like pick up debris, cut brush along the trail, monitor the trail several times a year, at least once every season and after severe storms when fallen trees can be expected. They should not be allowed to use power tools because of the risk and because of liability. Charlie will do an inventory of trails still needing an adopter.

New Business:

The Citizen of the Year plaque the Barrington Trails Committee received from the Greater Barrington Chamber of Commerce needs a place to be displayed. Possible places were discussed such as the new town hall or the library. For now, it could be displayed in the Land Use office.

The announcement that Jack is now the Keeper of the Hiker List went out with his phone number: jack.gale3@gmail.com. It also included the announcement of our decision to eliminate winter hikes on the Weekend Walkabouts schedule.

There was a discussion of where to spend the remainder of the year's budget. The Goodwill parking area could use a boat launch. KOTR could use steps to get to the high point on the White Trail.

Plowing of some of our parking lots is being done i.e the 125 SATWASR parking lot and Calef West. John will write a letter to the Select Board and Road Agent requesting that 2 SATWASR parking lots, 2 Goodwill parking lots, Calef, Town Forest, KOTR and Village Place parking lots be plowed.

We now have a DVD of the Awards dinner. barringtontownnews.com is requesting an article. Jack will write one about the moonlight hike.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Next meeting: 1/14/20 at the Barrington Elementary School.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Melvin