

Barrington Trails
April 10, 2018
6:30pm

Meeting called to order at 6:45pm

Present: Chair Charlie Tatham, Zac Stone, Doug Winter, John Wallace, Marika Wilde
Anne Melvin; Guest: Jed Holdeman from Barrington Equine Enthusiasts

Minutes of 2/13/18 and 3/20/18 were approved.

Old Business:

Updates: Charlie did work on KOTR to make room for the new sign. He replaced a hinge on the Goodwill kiosk. He added wet bypass signs on SATWASR with blue blazes on Rabbitat Road next to Anne's puddles. He made a sign for the Cottontail Trail to go on the power lines end. He routed cedar signs for Newhall i.e. "Pond Trail", "Trail" with an arrow. He widened the Pond Trail. It needs more widening. The Village Place field needs clearing. The plan for the Calef parking lot has been put out to bid. The Brasen Hill trails need to be sorted out.

Weekend Walkabouts:

On April 14, there were 24 on the Barrington Trail Walk led by Anne. May 6 will be the birding walk led by John, Dan Hubbard and Scott Young on Brasen Hill Farm. May 12, John will lead a walk on the Stephen Jeffrey easement. June 9, Charlie will lead a wildflower walk on Brasen Hill Farm.

Guest: Jed Holdeman came to the meeting to discuss equestrian use of our trails.

He was representing the Barrington Equine Enthusiasts. SATWaSR and Goodwill were suggested for horseback riding. Adequate parking for horse trailers is needed as well as a trail long enough to make it worthwhile to go there.

New Business:

John gave a report on a workshop he attended at Saving Special Places re: Trails and Wildlife. There needs to be careful attention to wildlife habitat needs in order to prevent negative impact on wildlife when trails are created. Recommended considerations when building trails: stick to habitat edges, avoid specialized habitat, rare species locations, riparian areas, vernal pools and steep slopes. There is a map that is a tool for trailmakers that shows where these places are.

Weekend walkabouts June and beyond: June 9, Charlie at Brasen Hill Farm. July 14
Denis at Stonehouse Forest.

Work Sessions for spring and summer, add to list as needed:

Calef bog bridges

Village Place sign, trail

Next meeting - May 8

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Melvin