

Barrington Trails Committee Minutes 6/11/19
Barrington Elementary School
Meeting called to order at 6:40pm.

Present: Chair Charlie Tatham, Marika Wilde, Denis Beaulieu, John Wallace, Anne Melvin, Jack Gale,
Minutes of 5/4/19 were accepted as amended.

Old Business:

Updates: Goodwill Parking Lot RFP's are out for bid. There were 8 at the 6/8 weekend walkabout at Calef East. We had a discussion about the low attendance and how we might change it through advertising and working with the Rec Department. John will contact Tara. A Recreational Hiker sign is now at the access point of Calef East. 8 replies to RFPs were received for a forester to do forest management services on town owned lands and have been pared down to 4 who will be interviewed on 6/15 and 6/17.

Denis and Charlie finished the bank to bank bridge on Calef West and also put down 2 bog bridges. Doug was able to put a huge rock in one wet area for a bridge. They found a large pile of rocks near the Calef Trail which will be useful. They removed trees from the first abutment trail on Calef West and several from the cemetery adjacent to the Cate Cemetery. There is one tree down near the gate that needs to be removed and one too large to be cut up next to the Cate Cemetery. Anne and Charlie cut a trail to the beaver dam that started in the field across from the Cate Cemetery, went to the beaver pond and followed the brook that came out of the beaver dam back to Stonehenge, the huge culvert. A sighting of a beaver in the Isinglass was seen by Anne later in the week at the end of the River Trail on Calef East where a tall tree has been heavily chewed on three sides. Anne reported the blue blazes on KOTR are still intact.

Trails need to be sorted on the Brasen Hill Farm when Theo Wiegand is available to go. KOTR trail needs a small kiosk.

New Business:

Calef East needs a work session to relocate part of the Marsh Trail.

Weekend Walkabouts schedule :

7/13 John will lead a walk at Turbocam as requested by Barbara Wilson, the wellness coordinator. 8/10 Anne will lead a walk at the ball field end of the Barrington Trail. Denis and Charlie plan to reroute the steep section. Anne will go with them to refresh her memory of the trail. 9/14 Jack will lead a forest bathing walk on Newhall. He will put the hike on Facebook Events.

The sign on the Green Hill Rd end of the Barrington Trail needs to be repainted and relocated to the parking area.

The wet crossings on the Village Place Trail and the Hemlock Trail need a bridge and a bog bridge.

Charlie will ask the Village Place HOA if they can pay for the cost of materials.

A work session was planned on the Barrington Trail north end for pruning and removal of trees from the trail. The wet part of the Pond Trail needs rerouting on Newhall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Next meeting: 7/9/19

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Melvin