

Barrington Trails Committee
Meeting Minutes 2/11/20
Barrington Elementary School Meeting called to order at 7:10pm

Present: Chair Charlie Tatham, Doug Winter, Denis Beaulieu, Jack Gale, John Wallace, Anne Melvin,
Guest Steve Diamond Minutes of 12/10/19 and 1/14/20 were approved as written.

Steve Diamond attended to request help with the building of bike trails for commuting and recreation.
We discussed various possible routes. In the spring, we will discuss the possibility of creating a bike trail in the Sherburne, Carriage Rd, Holly Lane area.

Old Business:

Updates: The Barrington Trail parking lot on Seavey Bridge road is being plowed by the owner.

There will be a closing 2/21 of the Haley-Goodwill amendment. Tim Nolin, the forester contracted by the Lands Committee will prepare management plans for the Town Forest, SATWaSR, Goodwill and the town owned land behind the Highway Department.

There were 8 people on the Moonlight walk. John is making good progress with the trail's booklet.

The Trails Committee discussed and amended the Guidelines for Adopting a Trail suggested by Anne.

The amended guidelines are:

In the 20 years since its beginning, the Barrington Trails Committee has created and maintained 25 miles of trails in Barrington. That is a lot of trails for a small group of dedicated volunteers to maintain so we are looking for trail adopters to help us out. We are proud of our trail system, which is enjoyed by hikers, bicyclists, birders, horseback riders, snowshoers, cross-country skiers, hunters and fishermen. Trail adopters would choose a trail from the list of trails not yet adopted. They would monitor that trail several times a year and after severe storms when fallen trees can be expected. They would be looking for possible problems like vandalism, downed trees or large limbs, beaver flooded areas etc. They would do light maintenance, picking up debris and removing brush along the trail. They would not be expected to use power tools because of the risk and liability. Problems should be reported to barrtrails@gmail.com, the Trail Committee's email.

We went over the trails needing adopters. Charlie has made a complete list with mileages. SELT is buying the Schulz property which will add to the list.

Recreational hiker signs are needed for Goodwill, SATWaSR on 125, Route 9 Village Place parking lot.

State permission will be needed for all 3. Charlie will take care of this.

Village Place needs 12 trail signs and 4 pressure treated posts.

New Business:

The Conservation Commission is seeking ways to get our easement parking lots plowed. John put a request for a volunteer to plow on Facebook. The Commission also considered requesting a budget for plowing. Estimates received were for around \$80 for each snow event for Tibbetts Road parking lot, Goodwill and 125 SATWASR parking lot.

Charlie made a list of the signs we will ask the BMS Industrial Arts students to make for Calef East.

Adjourned at 9:15pm.

Next meeting March 10 at the Barrington Elementary School.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Melvin