

## **Barrington Trails Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes 6/9/2020**

This meeting was conducted via Zoom electronically due to Covid 19 meeting restrictions.

Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

Present: Chair Charlie Tatham, Denis Beaulieu, John Wallace, Jack Gale, Doug Winter, Anne Melvin

Minutes of 5/12/2020 were accepted as amended.

#### **Old Business:**

Updates: Dead “hazard” trees were removed from Newhall and corduroy logs were installed in two wet areas on the Pond Trail. SELT is seeking donations to preserve the Ann Tibbetts Schulz Turtle Brook Preserve. All the new signs are up on the Pooh trail and many dead trees were removed. “Dog on a leash” and “Do Not Remove Rocks from Dam” signs were installed near the Goodwill parking area. Invasive on the Barr section of the Barrington Trail were pruned. Work was done on the wet spots in the invasive area. More work on a wet area is needed beyond that section. Someone has widened the trail. Charlie will check with the property owner to find out what she would like done. Brush was cleared around the Picture Post on SATWASR and the weathered top replaced. The wet area on SATWASR beyond the scout bridge has dried up. Charlie has made a plan for the bank to bank bridge over the wet ditch on the Village Place Trail. It will cost \$130. A decision has to be made about where the trail goes from the Breezy Way cul-de-sac to where it meets the conservation easement. Charlie and Anne will meet with Steve Gorman Village Place HOA president .

#### **New Business:**

The Forest management plan for the Town Forest has been completed by forester Tim Nolin. There will be no consideration of logging unless an abutter plans to do some as access would be too damaging. The forest management plan reported that blazing was needed. The boundaries need more pins but only a surveyor can place them. When the Boy Scouts were working on the forest, they put up yellow No Hunting signs on the boundaries. John will ask Barbara to find out if we have a survey plan.

The SATWASR trail head parking sign on route 125 involves cutting brush and trees to make it visible 15 feet from the edge of the pavement. Charlie will request a work session. We will need to dig a hole for the post. The kiosk material is fading. John asked if we should check with the planning board that regulates signs. Charlie will contact Barbara to start the process for applying.

There are many fallen trees on the Barrington Trail right before you get to the view of the heron nests. A work session will be needed to cut them up. We will need permission from the owner of the Barr property to put up a kiosk on the new parking lot. Charlie will contact the owner. We discussed whether or not we should start the weekend walkabouts again. Jack will check with the appropriate town official to find out if it is ok.

Three of our trails are on the Trail finder network. John will get the map for the trails on the Town Forest.

SATWASR boundaries need blazing. Charlie found blazes 15-18 years old that need repainting. ATVers have been riding on Hopalong causing ruts. They are coming from the abutter’s property. There is a bridge across the Bellamy River that connects private property to SATWASR. John will report this to the Forest Society. To get there there is an old woods road off of Pierce Road.

5 gallons of blue paint is being stored in the Town Storage shed. Our A board is also in the same shed.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Next meeting 7/24/20 TBD

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Melvin