

The Barrington Trails Committee meeting was conducted via Zoom.

February 23, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 6:33pm.

Present: Chair Charles Tatham, John Wallace, Denis Beaulieu, Jack Gale, Chadd Hippensteel, Elaine Sullivan, Anne Melvin

Minutes of 1/26/21 were approved as written.

Old Business:

Updates: The 2/13 Weekend Walkabout in SATWaSR had 20 participants. Conditions were excellent. John had trimmed back branches prior to the hike. Jack reported on the progress of the Con Comm website. John has been helping him. Skaters have been using Richardson Pond to play hockey. They use a snowblower to clear the rink.

Chadd described his idea for a contest to encourage use of our trails: Contestants would take or have taken pictures of themselves on our trails and the winner would be the one who had hiked the most trails. There would be a prize.

ATVS that use ATV tracks have been using the Goodwill Trail. They are legal.

Jack discussed his plan for the 3/13 Weekend Walkabout. It will honor health workers and will reference the 1925 Iditarod serum run to Nome when a transport of diphtheria antitoxin by dog sled relay saved the town of Nome and surrounding communities from a developing epidemic. The "Iditarod Salute to Healthcare Walkabout" will be on SATWaSR.

Trail work sessions will be needed on Brasen Hill Farm in late March or April. Charlie will check with Theo about where he wants the trail from the parking lot to the trail system to go.

Jack is making regular contributions to the Reasons to Take a Hike campaign. John has been sending copy to Trail Finders. He reports Calef's Country Store took another 50 copies of the Trails Booklet and 800 have been printed so far.

New Business:

SELT requested that members of the Trails Committee and Conservation Commission accompany their staff to the Ann Tibbetts Schulz Turtle Brook Reserve and a visit was made. They plan to potentially add more trails and have a parking lot and kiosk at the entrance.

They will put a gate a little ways in.

According to John, the Barrington Library staff are considering having an Easter Egg hunt on April 4 if there is no snow on the Pooh Trail and the parking lot is available. This will be brought up next month.

Jack reported there is a proposal to have a committee to do conservation easement monitoring for BCC and Trails. It should have a secretary who keeps track of what needs to be done and what has been done.

Charlie reported the Recreation Committee wants to create an athletic field behind Turbocam on Route 9. If they do that, we would have access to Cullen Woods.

Jack asked if we were doing all we were supposed to be doing and are we covered by town insurance. Denis said he would like to be involved with any trail building on the Leighton property.

Next meeting 3/23/21

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Melvin