

The Barrington Trails Committee met at the Town Hall on 9/12/23.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm.

Present: Chair Charlie Tatham, Ted Bergeron, John Wallace, Jack Gale, Denis Beaulieu, Anne Melvin the minutes of 8/8/23 were accepted as written.

Old Business:

Updates:

Goodwill Conservation Area: Maintenance was done on four water bars and one new water bar on the Goodwill Trail. Two more are needed. A work session for this will be planned. The dam near the Ross Rd end of this trail has been breached.

Calef West: Brush was cleared on the Calef Trail and part of the Town Farm Trail to the bridge abutment.

Walkabout 9/9 : 8 attended.

Mailing list: There are 370 names on the list now, several from the ARA.

Proposed change to the Trail Trekker list: the Barrington Trail will be divided in three parts: Barrington Trail North, Barrington Trail Middle, and Barrington Trail South. Betsy will be asked to add these to the map.

Jack discussed the plans for "The Bear" events. Paint Night with Lauren on 10/3. There will be an evening book group discussion on 10/10. The Barrington Trails Committee hike 10/21 will include discussion of survival skills, how not to get lost, etc.. There will be a Barrington Hiking Bear Raffle at the end of the hike. Tickets will be available at all three events.

We will continue collecting cans for buckthorn to discourage new growth on Calef East and other locations.

New Business:

There will be a work session on September 14th at the Barrington Trail south end to clear the trail and to determine where the stations will be to discuss the various survival skills.

There will be a Town of Barrington apple picking event and lunch at DeMeritt Hill Farm in Lee for employee/volunteer appreciation on 9/17 from 11 to 2. We are asked to respond to the town request for volunteer profiles.

Signage relating to removal of dog waste will be placed at trailheads.

Next meeting: 10/10 at 6:30pm

respectfully submitted,

Anne Melvin, secretary