

Norwood Trails Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes on March 16, 2021 @ 7:00pm
Virtual Meeting

Agenda Item:

Call to order at 7:05 pm. Attendees: Joe Greeley, Lee Leach, Craig Austin, Patti Austin, Roy Noepel, Brian Palmateer, Marguerite Krupp, Marcia Motta, Fran Rush, Sue Bartlett, Vic Babel, Holly Jones.

- Review and Approval of prior meeting minutes. Jan 12 and Feb 9 were voted on and approved.
- Visitors- or upcoming - Holly Jones, Conservation Agent - ConCom liaison to CC wants to work with the Trails Comm to continue their relationship to work together. She updated and overview of projects at the Endean property. CC approved plan to improve trail with the DPW. Also, working on the ADA accessible path near the Hawes pool. Begin to work with Mark Negrón and the Town Orchard and the perma-culture initiative. CC has a meeting tomorrow. Continues work with NepRWA and the Traphole Brook Dam removal project. Cleanup days with NepRWA at St Str Lots Apr 17. Also, Mile-a-minute eradication at University Ave in Mid-May. Also, the Saint Street Lots design plan has begun. MK - Traphole Dam location. VB asked about the trails at Meadow Street. And the approval process with the CC. JG explained the Land ownership as Airport and CC and how to define game trails to become organized trails. MK asked about the dam and sluice gate on the Hawes at the ponds, HJ knows of no town plans to remove it. FR re: flagging in woods. JG proposed trail possibilities that could be developed. VB on established trails to maintain and clean-up, HJ recommends it is okay to do some maintenance without going into wetlands and resource areas. FR noted utility easements are usually maintained. We do report blow downs to the DPW (or the stake owner). JG explained clean-up days and other light maintenance work. VB asked about the number of trees in the Town Orchard to be replaced. There will be 16 new trees and expressed concern over watering them.

- Neponset River Watershed- Water Quality Summary 2020

- o Craig Austin gave a summary report

- o <https://www.neponset.org/home-b-level/video-2020-annual-neponset-river-water-quality-report/>

CA presented a summary of the NepRWA water quality report. He volunteers to collect water samples in Norwood on the Hawes Br. just below the Ellis Dam. Testing for E Coli, Phosphorus, and dissolved O2 are primary tests. Weather events at the sampling times effect sample results. At least 3 areas in Norwood, Purgatory, Germany, Hawes brooks have high e coli, Phosphorus is also elevated, Dissolved O2 is much healthier. Results are mixed for the community. Norwood has joined a stormwater coalition. Found that Germany Brook may have had brook trout with habitat that could support the fish but that dams and spillways are a challenge. Recommend to become informed and contact legislator, and practice leave no trace and pick up after pets.

- Completed Norwood walks, events, trail news **related to the topics below**

- a. Trail reports- any new changes, concerns, compliments

- mapping app- what's the next map ?

- b. Ellis Field area, including the wellfield along Rt 1 - 2/21/21 JG showed some of CA photos

MM was at the Forbes Estate and reported quiet time with wildlife. BP visited the Mass Audubon Canton sanctuary across from the CHS.

- c. Open space plan- parking and BRIEF overall document discussion

- Previously tabled:
 - a. Subcommittee discussion - PTA communication- MM and SB is awaiting for word back from the schools. JG noted the the Balch principal is excited of the potential to utilize the SSL
 - b. BSA eagle projects Joe/Brian confirmed Adam Gorine completed his project at Pezwik. There are 2 other Eagle scouts working on their kiosk project. Have contact with another BS that has made initial contact. MM brought up integrating the kiosks with poop bag dispensers
 - c. Community Preservation Fund Projects Joe - TM in May - mentioned the University Ave design project is moving on to CPC approval.

Advisories- MEMBERS MINUTE

- One completed local walk/task, future walk recommendation. MK mentioned articles from various trails and where to post them. FR talked about marking trails to enhance more use. RN has markers from Adam's Farm. PA delighted over the Bears at Shattuck. CA looks forward to warmer weather. SB reminds us that the end of FY and need budget ideas. BP requests the Norwood 150 go on the agenda. VB is a member of Celebrate Norwood 150. JG handicap issues and open space at Shattock Pk.

Upcoming Events:

March walks Mar 27 2 pm at the Willett School
 April 17 clean up NepRWA and Norwood Earth Day
 May is mile-a-minute month

Adjournment: at 8:45 PM, moved by MK and seconded by VB.

Submitted by Lee Leach on May 11, 2021

Attachments: None

Next Meetings:

Tuesday, April 13 @7pm & trail walk TBD

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