

Norwood Trails Advisory Committee
Minutes of December 10, 2019
Town Hall Room 24
7:00 pm

Agenda Item

- Call to order at 7:07: Joe Greeley, Lee Leach, Craig Austin, Fran Rush, Gerry Miller, Ellie McConnaughy, Vic Babel, Marguerite Krupp, John Aprea, Brian Palmateer, Sue Bartlett. Also recorded by NCM and the Norwood Record
- Review and Approval of the meeting minutes from Nov. 12, 2019 approved with one typographical correction.
- Visitors and updates: Patricia Hawkins Greene, Norwood Women's Community Cmte - postponed to a later date.
- Completed walks/events
 - a. 11/11/19 @ 2pm- Willett to Fr. Mac's - This was covered at the committee's last meeting but we reviewed it for the benefit of those who were not at that meeting.
 - b. 11/16/19 @ 9am Ellis Pond work party was attended by Joe, Lee, and Ellie from our committee plus Con Com members and residential abutters. It was good to work with other members of the community on this section of the Ellis Pond Trail.
- Active Subcommittees- updates
 - a. Trail mapping - Craig and Fran had a review copy of the Brochure and Map of the Germany Brook Trail and some discussion followed with some enhancements to both the map and text needed.
 - b. Trail marking – Ernie was not present but a mid-winter work day was proposed to prepare posts and signs for installation in the Spring. Gerry volunteered to host.
 - c. 2/6/20- Sustainability Series- Co present w/ Walpole Trails - we will be meeting soon with Glenn and Gary from the Walpole Trails Committee to start work on the presentation.
- Future group trail walks & events – dates and strategy
 - a. New Year's Day 2020 at 2:00 PM at the University Ave Hot Dog Truck location.
 - b. Other/Next and we will need to advertise it on social media outlets.
- Advisories- MEMBERS MINUTE

Vic - Continue to explore potential trails about town. Gerry - Continue and finish the work on Edean Trails in order to make that system the hallmark Norwood trail. John - Called for the public to get out on the trails in the winter months but go out well prepared for the conditions. Ellie reported attending a meditation walk in Canton in 13 degree weather. She will work to develop a no cost walk for Norwood. Craig reported recent walks where he experienced the sounds and sights of animals in the skies. Marguerite requests the need for benches on the trails. Fran recommended that when planning your walks to involve others and "take a friend". Brian commented on better defining our 2020 vision and how to link that to other community groups. Lee announced the upcoming AMC Summit meetings on January 25, 2020 in Norwood. Find more information on these meetings on the AMC website. Sue suggested that we take advantage of the NTAC budgeted monies for some of the materials we need. Unused monies from the current fiscal year revert back to the general fund. Joe reported on his walk in the Ellis Gardens Playground area complete with maps and photos. This area has future potential with a little maintenance and a footbridge or two, and could open up access to the abutting ConCom property along the southbound side of Rt 1. It's on the town wide map already.
- Any other items to discuss in future meetings?
 - a. Creating a winter agenda and 2020 calendar - Joe
 - b. Other networking/invited guests?
- Adjournment at 8:32 PM Submitted by Lee Leach on January 14, 2020

Attachments:

Approved Minutes from the meeting of November 12, 2019

Preliminary Map and Brochure of the Germany Brook Trail

Joe's Map and Photos from Ellis Gardens Walk and New Year's Day Brochure

Also under development:

Endean Trail Improvement project permitting- Joe- ongoing

Ryan Larsen, BSA T44 Eagle Project- kiosks –TBD

Adam Gorine, BSA T49 Eagle Project- Pezwick –TBD

Next newsletter

Next Meetings:

Tuesday, Jan 14 @7pm

Tuesday, Jan 28 @7pm