

Norwood Trails Advisory Committee
Minutes of February 11, 2020
Town Hall Room 24
7:00 pm

Agenda Item

- Call to order soon after 7:00 PM; Joe Greeley, Lee Leach, Craig Austin, Fran Rush, Ellie McConnaughy, Vic Babel, Marguerite Krupp, Gerry Miller, and Steve Washburn. Also recorded by NCM
- Review and Approval of the prior meeting minutes - no actions
- Visitors and updates: Steve Washburn, Chairman of the Norwood Conservation Commission attended to observe, listen, and contribute as many of the Town Trails are found on Conservation Commission property.
- Completed walks/events
 - a. 2/6/20- Sustainability Series- Co-present w/ Walpole Trails - Vic reported a standing room only attendance at the Norwood Library on Thursday evening. Many lingered after and the program was very well received. Marguerite said that she was met with great enthusiasm for more trail related materials to be available for people to take with them. The suggestion was to have some of the materials on each chair ahead of time. Many of the attendees were from Walpole and several had actually walked here from Walpole. There is a suggestion that this presentation be given at a later date in Walpole. Ellie said there was a great sense of community and connections and a great collaborative we had established with the Walpole Trails Committee. The presentation was taped by NCM, made available to Walpole Public Access and is posted on YouTube by searching "Trail of Two Cities"
 - b. Craig reported on the recently published NepRWA Water Quality Report for the Norwood area which includes water sample test results from all the Norwood waterways. E Coli level results were "mixed" and the entire report is available on the NepRWA website.
- Active Subcommittees- updates
 - a. Trail marking & construction– Ernie - no report from Ernie but this is discussed later in the meeting
- Future group trail walks & events – dates and strategy
 - a. March 7 Full moon walk will begin at the Willett School and go up to the top of the Landfill. More details will be available at the next meeting.
 - b. Meditation Walk- Ellie will lead an April 18th event at 1 pm at the Endean Trails and will be about 1 hour long, weather permitting. More detail to follow.
 - c. Norwood 101- Lee - a Library sponsored event scheduled for April 13 from 6 to 8 designed to introduce residents to groups and services in the community.
 - d. Norwood Earth Day April 2020- will be April 26 and will be the same format as last years with several area cleanup in the morning followed by a community Faire on the Town Common in the afternoon. A suggestion was to include the Saint Streets acquisition on the list of clean-up properties.
 - e. Trail markers- indoors work party led by Ernie on some future Saturday. Ernie, Joe and Lee met with Roy Noepel at the Adams Farm to tour their trails and evaluate their markings and kiosks to use as a model for the Norwood Trails markings and kiosks. A discussion followed by Joe on some concepts outlined on maps. Marguerite suggested that Norwood design a similar design to the Walpole

logo so that it is consistent. She also asked if the Kiosk Project would be rolled into the proposed Eagle Scout Project of Ryan Larsen. Joe was going to contact Ryan for a status on his Eagle Scout Project.

- f. MassTrails Grant- Joe worked with the Planning Department to submit a MassTrails Grant for around \$35,000 to fund the Saint Streets Lot development plan and trail design. This grant would be on a reimbursement basis but this project is 100% funded through a CPA grant.
- g. Other/Next - none
- Advisories- MEMBERS MINUTE
 - a. Next team walk will be on Sunday Feb. 17 at 10 am. Meet at Hawes Pool parking area and we will walk the Saint Street Lot. The public is invited.
 - b. Vic had recently walked at Hennessey Park then continued down Meadow Brook towards Rte 1, a possible route for a new trail.
Gerry talked about the Norwood 150 Celebration that is just starting. Plans are for a 2022 year-long celebration of the Town's 150 anniversary. This Committee should discuss their goals and potential plans to participate.
Craig said he has been reading an interesting book on environmental and ecological issuing and events called "Death and Life of the Great Lakes"
Joe handed out a brochure and simple map of the Senior Center Walking Route and would like to integrate this mostly sidewalk route into our list of maps.
- Any other items to discuss in future meetings?
 - a. Trail Benches – Marguerite said there continue to be community requests for more benches, especially by older people and others who would use the trails more often if they could stop to sit. The Women's Community Committee has been in recent contact with the Trails Committee and they have offered their support in providing benches. We will need to continue to work with the WCC with initiatives along this line.
 - b. Other networking/invited guests - Andres Ripley from NepRWA will be at the Feb. 25 meeting and his email was passed out.
 - c. Trail mapping - Craig + Fran - no further report
- Adjournment about 8:25 pm.

Submitted by Lee Leach on June 23, 2020

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 ?

Schedule and work plan

Next Meetings:

Tuesday Feb 25 @7pm

There are no attachments to these minutes