

Norwood Trails Advisory Committee
Minutes of February 25, 2020
Town Hall Room 24
7:00 pm

Agenda Item

- Call to order at 7:04 PM; Joe Greeley, Lee Leach, Craig Austin, Fran Rush, Vic Babel, Marguerite Krupp, Gerry Miller, John Aprea, Brian Palmateer, Ernie Paciorowski, and Andreas Ripley. Also recorded by NCM
- Review and Approval of meeting minutes from Jan. 28, 2020 by John and Marguerite
- Visitors and updates: Visitors- Andres Ripley from NepRWA a 40 minute discussion ensued and covered much of the ongoing work that NepRWA is overseeing in the watershed. Subjects discussed included: trail work around the waterways, fisheries, less trash dumping, stormwater pollutants, Neponset Stormwater Partnership, legacy pollution from older industrial sites. Water quality highlighted E Coli and phosphorus increases while oxygen levels remain constant. Continued problems with the residential use of fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides getting into the watershed. The topic of creating riverside trails and potential pollution threats as the Mill Dam removal project and riverbank restoration on Traphole Brook goes forward. Community involvement, education, clean-up activities, and other volunteer opportunities were also touched upon. At one time or another most Norwood waterways were brought up for discussion.
- Completed walks/events
 - a. 2/17/20- Saint Street Lot walk was attended by some 10 - 12 people on a nice bright Sunday morning. The area is in dire need of trash cleanup but the group found a great potential for a small community woodland and riverfront area. Joe presented a Saint Streets Lot update recently to the Balch School PTO and found them excited with the development of this area.
 - b. 2/17/20- Ellis Field Joe had a handout on his recent walk in this area.
- Active Subcommittees- updates
 - a. Trail marking & construction– Ernie presented his proposed design, parts list, and cost estimate for new Kiosks based on the Adams Farm model.
 - b. March 7 Full moon walk will start at 5:15 at the Willett School and run until about 6:30. Some publicity will go out on social media.
- Future group trail walks & events – dates and strategy
 - a. Full moon walk 3/7/20
 - b. Meditation Walk- Ellie 4/18/20- prelim 3/28/20 - 1:00 pm at The Endean
 - c. Norwood 101- 4/13/20 -Lee at the Library from 6 - 8. Vic and Fran will help man the table. Will need about 100 of each map to distribute
 - d. Norwood Earth Day 4/26/20-John, 11 - 12:30 Cleanup, 1:00 - 3:00 is the community fair on the Town Common. Trails to host a couple of areas. Waste Management will be asked to sponsor the event.
 - e. Trail markers- indoors work party projected to be towards the end of March.
 - f. Other/Next ?
- Advisories- MEMBERS MINUTE
 - Vic reported on his and Lee's walk at the end of Meadow Street and the Neponset River.
 - Craig observed the trail work at Endean and also visited Ellis Pond.
 - Lee brought up the planning for the 150 celebration.

Marguerite is working with school outreach and NepRWA and the projected costs of benches.

Joe distributed the calendar and communication from the WCC, and reported on a recent trip to Peddocks Island in Boston Harbor.

- Any other items to discuss in future meetings?
 - a. Trail Benches – WCC- Marguerite
 - b. Other networking/invited guests ?
 - i. 3/10/20 tentative Stewart (Minasian) Ting Chong
 - c. Trail mapping - Craig + Fran
- Adjournment about 9:15 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 Mar 10 and Mar 24 @7pm

Attachments passed out during the meeting:

Ernie's Kiosk Design Sketch and Parts list

from Joe: (included in the file "2.25.20 mtg agenda and detail.pdf"

- 2020Calendar
- Email dated Jan. 30, 2020 to Joe from Andreas Ripley, Subject : NepRWA and Norwood Trails
- Email dated Jan 29, 2020 to Ian Cook and Chris Hirsch from Joe. Subject: NepRWA and Norwood Trails
- Letter dated Feb. 20, 2020 to Patricia Green, WCC, from Joe regarding the WCC support for the funding of benches to be placed on our trails.
- Copy of an Invoice dated 6/28/2019 that was issued to the Con Com for 3 benches.
- Email dated Feb 15, 2020 to Joe from Marcia Motta, Subject: Re: Traphole Trail (the Motta Email is in response to one sent by Joe dated Feb.15, 2020 at 11:45 AM which included pictures from walks taken at the Ellis Playground area.)

Fran's photo of the Saint Street Lots walk route followed by the group Feb. 17, 2020

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Approved Minutes from the meeting of January 28, 2020

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- Review and Approval of the meeting minutes from Jan. 14, 2020 as submitted by LL
- Visitors and updates: No visitors tonight

- a. Mid-year Town Manager update - Joe distributed a 2-page summary of past, current, and future activities planned by the NTAC, which is attached
- Completed walks/events
 - a. 1/25/2020 AMC Summit- both Lee and Joe attended the single day event and reported on several of the more interesting sessions they attended. Both attended the OutdoorRx presentation which focused on urban and suburban day outdoor programs for families with children. They also were able to network with others during breaks and the lunch hour. b. Vic walked with Glen Maffei on the abandoned RR right-of-way near the Norwood/Walpole line on Washington St. This is a possible route that could link both towns. Craig walked Hennessey Park recently had a favorable report with no issues. Vic and Lee walked the University Ave lands near on partly on the Conservation Property, noting some potential for a wetland trail.
- Active Subcommittees
 - a. Trail mapping - Craig + Fran are in the planning process b. Trail marking & construction– Ernie continues to plan a work day for late Feb to build a couple of kiosks based on the new Adams Farm kiosks. A site visit of AF is planned for Feb.1st. c. 2/6/20- Sustainability Series- Co-present w/ Walpole Trails - Lee, Joe, Vic and Glen and Mike from Walpole have met recently to plan the presentation. There will be a tech review session at the library Feb 5 to finalize the combined presentation. Joe will bring the large town-wide map and other materials including the individual maps for people to take with them.
- Future group trail walks & events – dates and strategy
 - a. Norwood 101 - Lee expects more information from the library in the couple of weeks b. Norwood Earth Day April 2020-John did not attend tonight, but the date is April 26 at 11 AM for work parties and 1 PM for the Fair c. Trail markers - indoors work party; Ernie will coordinate d. MassTrails Grant - Joe will finalize with the Planning Department and submit the Grant by January 31. e. Other/Next S. Minassian is planning to attend our Mar 10th meeting where he will talk about
Bird
Watching.
- Advisories- MEMBERS MINUTE
 - a. Next team walk - we talked about programming a night walk around one of the full moons in the next 3 months, full moons occur on 3/9, 4/8, and 5/7. b. Other items - Sue reminded us again that our Town Funding needs to be spent by the end of
the FY 2020 June 30, 2020 or the funds will revert back to the general fund. Marguerite will lead an easy 2.5-mile nature walk on May 2, 10 AM at Bird Park, exploring the trees, birds, and flowering plants of the emerging spring in the park. Rain cancels. Meet at Rhodes Ave. entrance at church parking lot. Both Lee and Joe thanked everyone for their support on a successful New Year's Day walk and the importance to nurture the good will and positive benefits from that event.
- Any other items to discuss in future meetings

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- a. Meditation Walk- Ellie has set the date for April 18 at 1 PM at the Endean Trails. More

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information to follow. b. Trail Benches – Marguerite – Explore the possibility for the WCC to help fund benches at

Endean. c. Other networking/invited guests

- Adjournment at 8:26 Submitted

by Lee Leach on February 25, 2020

Attachments:

Approved Minutes from the January 14, 2020 meeting Email chain and photos sent to Conservation Committee Chairman regarding blowdown on Endean trail NTAC Mid-year FY20 Report to the Town General Manager Norwood Trails- 2020 calendar and winter list dated Jan 21 Spreadsheet

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Next Meetings: Tuesday Feb 11 + 25 @7pm

*****End of Approved Minutes from Jan. 28, 2020*****