

Norwood Trails Advisory Committee  
Minutes of January 14, 2020  
Town Hall Room 24  
7:00 pm

Agenda Item

- Call to order at 7:05 PM; Joe Greeley, Lee Leach, Craig Austin, Fran Rush, Ellie McConnaughy, Vic Babel, Marguerite Krupp, John Aprea, Brian Palmateer, Ernie Paciorowski. Also recorded by NCM and the Norwood Record
- Review and Approval of the meeting minutes from Dec. 10, 2019 approved as submitted by LL
- Visitors: Patricia Hawkins Greene, Norwood Women's Community Committee (WCC) gave a brief summary and background of the group and the Thrift Shop which they run in South Norwood. The WCC works to support community groups including the schools and student and children programs including local sports and fine arts. They are an all-volunteer group of about 24 members that raises fund from proceeds derived from the Thrift Shop sales. The WCC would like to offer their support to NTAC in any appropriate way through funding projects, posting maps, or in some other manner. Much discussion resulted in ideas being exchanged and considered. Patricia will take some maps to the next WCC board meeting this week.
- Completed walks/events
  - a. 1/01/2020 2 PM New Year's Day @ University Ave – LL gave a summary of this one hour walk where over 30 people participated. The group met at 720 University Ave and after a short introduction by Joe was led by Lee through one of the fairways to the brook, then east to the pump house and onto the University Avenue Conservation Land. The conditions were not too cold, mostly sunny with no wind and relatively dry except wet grasses. The ConCom land was low rolling in forest and brush with limited views. Much evidence of deer and scat. The group emerged near the so-called Hot Dog Truck area on University Avenue and split into 2 groups to return to the parking lot. Everyone seemed pleased with the potential for future trails here.
  - b. 1/01/2020 Walpole; Lee/Joe attended the morning Walpole Trails walk that began at Jarvis Farm, Crossed the new causeway foot bridge into the Walpole Town Forest. Well over 300 people of all ages and abilities attended this well planned event. Several community groups provided food, drink, and an outside fire as well as maps and other relevant information.
  - c. Other; Vic reported that he has been out on his own investigating the green space area west of the Skating Club of Boston property.
- Active Subcommittees
  - a. Trail mapping - Craig and Fran have released the Germany Brook Trail Map and Brochure bringing the total number of maps to five. These are available on the Town Trails webpage and at the library. The discussion then turned to the use of Walk Mapping Apps. Several mentioned included: Map My Walk, Strava, Google Maps and others. Also, trail data bases include Trailforks and Alltrails.
  - b. Trail marking & construction– Ernie is still hopeful for a workday to build a kiosk and markers based on the Adams Farm model.
  - c. 2/6/20- Sustainability Series- Co-present w/ Walpole Trails is in the planning stages with several meetups with Glen Maffei and Mike Brennan planned. The poster is attached.
- Future group trail walks & events – dates and strategy
  - a. Norwood 101- Lee reported this as an event the NTAC should have a presence at. This year's Library date is April 13<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 PM. It is geared toward new Norwood residents but is open to anyone. We will need to provide 2 or 3 people to disseminate information on Trails and our group. Vic, Fran, and Marguerite volunteered to assist Lee.
  - b. Trail markers- indoors work party – to be planned by Ernie

- c. Winter agenda and 2020 calendar – Joe provided a spreadsheet with many details of planned activities and the dates of our meetings for this year. See Attachment
- d. Other/Next
- Advisories- MEMBERS MINUTE
  - John – announced this year’s EarthDay event will be April 26, 2020 with Cleanup at 11 and Town Common Fair and Picnic at 1. Brian did a walk with his family at F. Gilbert Hills State Forest in Foxborough and had some difficulty reading the provided map. Craig reported on a night hike at Moose Hill. Marguerite will continue to meet and work with Marie Kidd of the Norwood Rec Department and the Cleveland School on their science project. Ernie went seeking owls on a night hike. Joe had reports of 2 coyotes recently seen in town, went on a walk on a warm Sunday in the Blue Hills, and reported that Winter Wellness requires getting outdoors for a minimum of 20 minutes of natural sunlight per day.
- Any other items to discuss in future meetings?
  - a. Meditation Walk- Ellie is scheduled for April 18 from 1 to 2 PM
  - b. Trail Benches – Marguerite
  - c. MassTrails Grant
  - d. Other networking/invited guests
- Adjournment at 9:09 PM

Submitted by Lee Leach on January 28, 2020

Attachments:

Approved Minutes from the meeting of December 10, 2019  
 Flyer for the February 6, 2020 Sustainability Series Presentation at the Library  
 Norwood Trail – 2020 Calendar as of 1/14/2020

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

Next Meetings:

Tuesday, Jan 28 @7pm  
 Tuesday Feb 11 + 25 @7pm

## NORWOOD TRAILS ADVISORY GROUP

### MISSION STATEMENT

In our role of assisting Norwood’s General Manager and other town officials, the Norwood Trails Advisory Committee is committed to educating, exploring, and encouraging the use of existing trails, and the development of future trail networks in Norwood and the surrounding region.

- Educating the community on available multi-use trail locations and conditions
- Exploring partnerships with organizations and businesses, in the Norwood area and beyond
- Encouraging community groups and individuals to enjoy the natural beauty of Norwood

Adopted 2/26/2019

Approved Minutes from the meeting of December 10, 2019

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 McConaughy, 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

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Ryan Larsen, BSA T44 Eagle Project- kiosks –TBD

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End of Approved Minutes from the meeting of December 10, 2019

## SUSTAINABILITY SERIES

## SPRING 2020

All events begin at 6:30 PM in the Simoni Room, Norwood Library

**Thursday  
January 9**

*Affordable Housing in Norwood: panel discussion of what "affordable" means, our legal responsibilities as a town, and our civic responsibility to one another.*

**Thursday  
February 6**

*Trail of Two Cities: Norwood and Walpole Trails Committees present a discussion of plans in each town (and plans to connect our town with trails).*

**Thursday  
March 19**

*Climate Change: crises, what we can expect, effects on our local/regional ecosystem, and repercussions from its effects on other parts of the world.*

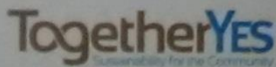
**Thursday  
April 16**

*Climate Change and Public Health: panel discussion of how extreme weather events will affect populations around the world and in our own region.*

**Wednesday  
May 13**

*Norwood's Sustainability Commission: presentation on its mission, it's accomplishments, and what is planned for in the future of our town.*

*Co-sponsored by*



Morrill Memorial Library  
33 Walpole St - Norwood, MA



To sign up, please call (781)769-0200, ext. 110 or 222; go to [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar); or visit the Reference or Information Desk.

Norwood Trail – 2020 Calendar as of 1/14/2020

Norwood Trails- 2020 calendar									
	as of	1/14/2020							
Meeting dates & guests/Topics			Other surrounding events/Topics			Winter 2019-20 Calendar			
14-Jan-20	Cmte Mtg	Pat Green WCC				<b>Prep for 2/6/20 Sustainability presentation</b>			
28-Jan-20	Cmte Mtg			Trails co-presentation @ Morrill		work with Walpole			
11-Feb-20	Cmte Mtg					future collaborations:			
25-Feb-20	Cmte Mtg			Work party- signage		Endean ?			
10-Mar-20	Cmte Mtg	S Minasian- Bird Watching				East Walpole cemetery ?			
24-Mar-20	Cmte Mtg	NepRWA ?		community work party ?		Rail trail along Certainteed			
14-Apr-20	Cmte Mtg			Norwood 101 @ Morrill 4/13/20					
28-Apr-20	Cmte Mtg			Earth Day 4/22/20		<b>Disclaimer/Waiver</b>			
				Meditation Walk- Ellie		work with Planning and Town Hall			
12-May-20	Cmte Mtg								
26-May-20	Cmte Mtg			community work party ?		<b>Work Party- bog bridges, trail markers and kiosks</b>			
9-Jun-20	Cmte Mtg			Nat'l Trails Day 6/6/20		spec out site needs			
23-Jun-20	Cmte Mtg					spec out materials			
14-Jul-20	Cmte Mtg					proper approvals			
28-Jul-20	Cmte Mtg					order and receive materials			
11-Aug-20	Cmte Mtg					work party location ? Requirements ?			
25-Aug-20	Cmte Mtg								
8-Sep-20	Cmte Mtg			Norwood Day 9/12/20		<b>Trail Inventory</b>			
22-Sep-20	Cmte Mtg					Fine Tune the existing list			
13-Oct-20	Cmte Mtg								
27-Oct-20	Cmte Mtg			MassTrails Conf ~11/1/20		<b>Identify and request EASEMENT access</b>			
10-Nov-20	Cmte Mtg			community work party ?		work with planning and the assessor's office to			
24-Nov-20	Cmte Mtg					identify and owners.			
8-Dec-20	Cmte Mtg					does the town already have an easement ?			
22-Dec-20	Cmte Mtg					Do we already have Light Dept approval ?			
						<b>Monthly walks:</b>			
						1/1/2020 New Year's			
						1/26/2020 ?? Tbd			
						2/23/2020 snowshoes ?			
						<b>Current maps:</b>			
						Ellis Pond			
						Hennessey Field			
						Shattuck Park			
						Endean/Hawes			
						Germany Brook			
						Next ??			

End of Attachments for NTAC Minutes of Jan. 14, 2020