

Norwood Trails Advisory Committee  
Minutes of January 28, 2020  
Town Hall Room 24  
7:00 pm

Agenda Item

- Call to order at 7:06 PM; Joe Greeley, Lee Leach, Craig Austin, Ellie McConaughy, Vic Babel, Marguerite Krupp, Gerry Miller, Sue Bartlett, Ernie Paciorkowski. Also recorded by NCM and the Norwood Record
- 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

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

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 11 + 25 @7pm