

## NORWOOD TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MAY 2019- ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

The Norwood Trails Advisory Committee is happy to deliver this, our first annual town meeting committee update. The Trails Committee was initially formed in February 2018 as a subcommittee of Norwood's Conservation Committee. Since then, we've been able to build a solid foundation with the help of the ConCom and the Planning Department. After 8 months, the committee was converted to an Advisory Committee, supporting the General Manager in evaluating and recommending improvements to the town's existing and potential trails and open space. We have also expanded our community outreach to increase awareness of Norwood's trails and walking paths. We have created an inventory of, and toured current and potential trails throughout the town. We have participated in numerous community events including those listed below, and have distributed our periodic e-newsletter to more than 275 community members. We would welcome community feedback and volunteer participation, as we live by our mission statement, also listed below. We look forward to continued collaboration with various boards and committees in town. We will seek out, identify and recommend grant funding opportunities for future enhancements to local and regional trail systems.

We invite all of you to take a hike with us ... in Norwood.

### 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

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT TO-DATE and PLANNED

- Earth Day Booth, April 2018
- Norwood Day Booth, September 2018
- Endean Community Walk w/ Progress Norwood October 2018
- Sustainability Series- w/ Together Yes February 2019
- Norwood Historical Society Meeting April 2019
- Earth Day Booth and NepRWA clean up, April 2019
- Collaboration with Norwood and Westwood Conservation Commissions, Friends of Blue Hills, Dedham Trails, Walpole Trails, Bay Circuit Trails, AMC, NepRWA, local BSA troops
- Planned- Cleveland School PTO and Science department program
- Planned- Norwood Day Booth , September 2019

MEMBERS

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