

Readfield Trails Committee Minutes - May 25, 2020

Present: Paul Bessette, Nancy Buker, Greg Durgin, Greg Leimbach, Rob Peale, Holly Rahmlow, Henry Whitemore

Excused: Bob Harris, Jeanne Harris

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

We discussed the February minutes, and one change was made. Greg L. moved the minutes be approved; Paul seconded. Minutes approved with one abstention.

Rob updated the progress on the Morrill Road trail after he and other Trails members met with Eric and representatives from the state Department of Transportation. The trail will go straight across Route 17, but we have to do a few things first, including putting in culverts, adding signs and a landing pad at the corner of Giles Road, before it can be made official.

Rob wrote up a report on the meeting, which is attached to the minutes.

On the Carleton Pond trail, Rob has been walking the area and has flagged a possible trail. One side of the pond is too wet for a trail, but he will continue to work on the trail until he has shoulder surgery June 8.

Greg D. reported that Trails has received more than \$1,800 in honor of Trails Vice Chair Ken Clark, who died in March. A fiesta maple was also bought in his honor, and some members of Trails joined other mourners at the Fairgrounds trail on May 22 to put it in place. A commemorative plaque was set next to the tree. The Trails Committee also plans to buy a bench to put next to it. It was agreed that stone would be best. Greg has done some research into options, and Holly volunteered to help. Lori Clark's input will be sought as well.

Nancy passed around a copy of the sympathy card that she sent to Ken's family from Trails that can be kept in the files.

Greg D. noted that we have a 10-foot section of geotech and a pile of bluestone available for projects. He also said Anna is continuing her work on the trail around the Fairgrounds parking lot, and that she will move the pile of loam that is an eyesore.

Nancy said that she went around to all the kiosks, cleaned the outside of the Plexiglas and tidied up. She said that many of the kiosks sported birds' nests, but most were missing copies of trail maps. She made a list of all the kiosks and their status. She said that the kiosk at the Torsey Nature Preserve is lifted off the ground blocks, making it crooked, loose and suspended. This should be reported to the Conservation Committee.

Nancy also suggested that in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the RTC should ask the town whether it should reconsider the need/placement of a porta potty this summer at the Old Fairgrounds parking lot due to the need for public sanitation/cleaning protocols.

The next meeting date is unclear at this point. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Holly Rahmlow