Attendees: Bob Brown, Joan Gaughan, Miguel Lessing, Steve Park, Denny Nackoney, John Schuler, Ekaterina Zemlyakova
Absent: Diane Hall, Jared Parker, James Pugh, Laura Robert (NRC Liaison)
Guest: Jeffery Zupan

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

No one attended for Citizens Speak.

A motion to approve the 2/26/19 WTC meeting minutes by Joan was followed by a second from Bob. The vote carried unanimously.

The committee discussed the spring walk schedule, NRC Earth Day and the City Nature Challenge. Joan suggested that the WTC work with the NRC to organize an event in June involving bicycles, birding or botany to showcase the North 40.

The committee discussed the increase in dog-related complaints on town trails. Dog regulation and enforcement are beyond the scope of the WTC, but the committee advocates for courteous and responsible trail usage by all.

The committee selected locations and dates for the Wellesley Trails 2019 Fall Walks. Locations will be the North 40 (Sept 28th 10am), Carisbrooke (Oct. 5th 10am), Longfellow Pond (Kids’ Trails Day Oct. 20th 1:30pm) and Guernsey and Susan Lee Sanctuary (Nov 3rd 1pm).

Denny reported that the builder at 69 Pine Plain Road agreed to preserve the public path to Boulder Brook Reservation and the Bates Elementary school.

The committee discussed a few trail locations needing ordinary cleanup of down trees and debris.

The committee reviewed the Trail Committee Accounts summary 4/23/2019.

Denny reported the DPW will replace the Centennial Reservation footbridge damaged by a falling tree limb. Also repairs on the bridge at Boulder Brook Reservation have been completed.

The Trails Project List was opened for discussion:

- There are no new developments for the Route 9 pedestrian crossing for the Crosstown Trail on the Cochituate Aqueduct.
- Parking bumpers have not been installed yet at the State Street parking lot. They are expected spring 2019.
- The committee will advocate to have a path established where the Sudbury Path runs along Benvenue Street. Denny and/or Joan will contact selectman who may be working on related pedestrian mobility efforts.
- Denny recommends asking the DPW to rebuild the stairs on the Charles River Path due to the difficulty of removing and rebuilding 20 steps and the hazard of poison ivy.
- Denny continues to monitor flooding of the Sudbury Path at Babson College and advocate for a remedy.
- Steve will request from a Diane a specific inventory of apparel so the committee can decide what needs to be ordered.
- Miguel will revisit the list of trail road crossings with the Traffic Committee.
- The Wellesley Conservation Council acknowledged new trails in the Susan Lee Sanctuary and is coordinating a trail cleanup project in June with the WTC.
- Steve discussed cleanup needs for the Barton Road trail. The committee recommended that Steve request a dumpster from the DPW to aid litter removal.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 21rd at 7:00 PM in the NRC office.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Documents available by request: Trails Project List April 23, 2019, Wellesley Trails Spring Walks 2019 flyer, Trail Committee Accounts April 23, 2019

Steve Park
Vice Chair, Wellesley Trails Committee