The meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM.

No one attended for Citizens Speak.

A motion to approve the 4/23/19 WTC meeting minutes by Denny was followed by a second from Joan. The vote carried unanimously.

The Committee again discussed different promotional ideas for “walks” of a different nature. A biking, a run and a dusk event were explored. Of the three, a run may be more appropriate and it was agreed that we will explore it further for the spring of 2020, with assistance from Bob.

The Committee requested its members to indicate their availability to lead or sweep the Fall Walks and is looking for volunteers for the Kids Trails Day event. An event has been put together for June 8 at 9am to brush-up and clean the Wellesley Conservation Council’s Susan Lee/Heyl Trails.

The Committee-discussed mechanisms to identify and address trail locations needing trash clean up or clipping back brush. The preferred option is that the individual identifying an area of need, lead the project and work to secure volunteers, scouting groups, the Key Club, to carry out the job. Denny will continue keeping and updating the volunteers and Friends of the Trails list.

It is the Committee’s intention to contribute to environmental causes, which brought about a discussion on whether trails pamphlet maps should continue being place in the map-houses around town. No one system will address the particulars of the different trails users. The use of QR codes and interactive mobile phone maps are good for some but not for others. It was concluded that maps will continue to be placed on map-houses and the matter will be an ongoing work-in-progress. Three sectional map leaflets are out of stock and Denny will order them at a cost of under $200.00 total.

Diane went through the inventory of Trails garments in stock and it is noticed certain sizes are unavailable. Miguel will produce a recommendation of what should be repurchased and in what quantity. There was unanimous agreement that caps should be purchased, as they are useful items to give out to those that help with trails’ maintenance and for walks’ prizes.

Denny requested we all look out for side trails and connectors to make sure they are included in our maps. This is consistent with the efforts the Town’s Mobility Group works on.

The MWRA has indicated they will install two Sudbury Aqueduct granite posts on its land, next to the Interpretative signs already in place.

The Trails Project List was opened for discussion:

- The DPW replaced the Centennial Reservation footbridge damaged by a falling tree limb.
- The study for a Route 9 pedestrian crossing from the new Sports Center is awaiting a contract from the State DOT.
- Parking bumpers have not been installed yet at the State Street parking lot.
- We will continue discussion on rerouting the Sudbury Path below the new Babson College tennis courts, as the water run-off issues have not been addressed. The reroute will also cover passing by the new Babson Globe setting.
- Steps on the Morses Pond Loop by the end of Russell Rd. are rotting and need attention. We will ask the DPW for assistance.
- John is talking to Waterstone to interest them in sponsoring flower arrangements on the nearby bridge over the Charles River.
- Denny has been working with Sustainable Energy Committee members on connecting the new Wellesley Sports Center to the Crosstown Trail.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 18 at 7:00 PM in the NRC office.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.55 pm.

Documents available by request: Trails Project List May 21, 2019, Wellesley Trails Fall Walks 2019 flyer.

Miguel Lessing
Secretary, Wellesley Trails Committee