

**WELLESLEY TRAILS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 19, 2023**

Attendees: Denny Nackoney, Ekaterina Zemlyakova, Bob Brown, Steve Park, Joan Gaughan, Jen Bonniwell, Diane Hall, Rick Mongeau
Absent: Laura Robert, John Schuler
Guests: Ezra Englehardt
Location: Childrens Room at Warren Building

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

Citizens Speak: None

Committee members sworn in for new FY24 term.

Minutes from the last Trail Committee meeting were unanimously approved.

Denny brought forward items submitted by Laura, NRC Liaison:

- Discussion of the NRC meeting regarding the Sisters of Charity property.
- New weed harvester at Morses Pond. Adding Reeds Pond & Duck Pond.
- Discussion on Pickleball at Morses Pond parking lot.
- New and additional waste receptacles in parklands.

The committee continued discussion on Sisters of Charity property. Committee position to be finalized by Jen, and distributed and discussed at next meeting.

Reviewed Project List to update status of select items that need follow up plans.

- Potential E-bike damage on Brook Path investigation put on hold.
- Steve addressed fast biking concern at Fuller Brook Gate House and signs will be finalized.
- Joan will update committee recommendations for North 40.
- Steve led a crew of six on a trail maintenance project at North 40. Great job Steve!
- Denny submitted FY23 draft for Annual Town Report to NRC.

There will be a Volunteer Fair at the Library. Jen will investigate details and if we should set up a table to sign up volunteers for future trail workdays.

Jen, with help from Ezra, will take lead on marketing and information distribution.

Reminder to committee members to keep doggie bag dispensers full and restock pamphlets in map houses.

Ekaterina will work on acquiring QR code stickers pointing to our trails map that can be attached to all map houses.

Reviewed plans for our three trail walks and Kids' Trails Day. We currently have 4 committee members signed up for Kids' Trails Day on Sunday October 22 (Denny, Ekaterina, Rick and Jen) and need 3 more to run this event. Looking for more help!

Denny reviewed the proposed FY25 annual Trails Committee budget to be submitted to NRC. It was unanimously approved by the members.

Next meeting will be Monday, October 16 at 7 PM at the Warren Building

Adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Documents distributed: WTC Project List 9-19-23, Trails Proposed FY25 Budget 9-12-23, Centennial Reservation2 draft.

Submitted by,
Diane Hall
Member, Wellesley Trails Committee