

Path Committee
Minutes
March 24, 2010

S. Spang called the meeting to order at 7:03

1. No minutes to approve

2 & 3. Parking Lot/Signs

The members discussed signage, fencing, and gate for the path. S. Spang discussed the signs on the Airline Trail. She will call Colchester to get pricing. Members discussed a kiosk as opposed to a sign. The advantages to a kiosk is that the contents can be update and changed out easily. It may be less expensive and can be made by volunteers. G. Fogarty stated that the Eight Mile River Commission is have a number of signs made at the prison. E. Belt informed the committee that he could print out a large scale map, with symbols, info and any other information we need for the kiosk. This would be done on the new plotter the town purchased. The following tasks were assigned:

Eric-look for symbols/pictograms
Bill-measure parking lot
Sue-Kiosk designs-gate options
Gloria-research sign regs
Eric-has steel posts to donate

The committee decided after discussion to name the trail The Harris Brook Trail

The committee also discussed the need for a directional sign on the road by the entrance. People looking for the parking lot cannot find it or do not know where it is. It was decide to put a sign at the entrance reading:

Entrance to Harris Brook Trail

CT Trails Day

The committee decided to have a goal of conducting a walk for the CT Trails Day in 2011

The committee will think of project for potential Eagle Scouts.

S.Spang will talk to the Boy Scouts about making the ramps on the scout bridge safer. They are very slippery when wet.

4. Eight Mile River Walk

The walk to the “beaver crossing” with members of the Eight Mile River Commission and other guests was discussed. An expert on the Massachusetts Guidelines explained that the stonewall which goes across Harris Brook at our proposed crossing is blocking fish passage by approximately 87%. If this was to be taken out it would narrow the area considerably, lessening the length of the bridge. The fact that the guidelines are flexible and are guidelines not regulations, “written in stone” was relayed to the group on the walk.