

Southborough Trails Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, September 25, 2025

Meeting Time: 7:30 PM

Meeting Location: Virtual Meeting, <https://www.southboroughtown.com/remotemeetings>

Meeting Called by: Kathryn McKee

Note Taker: Satyendra Sharma

Absent:

Attendees: Kathryn McKee, Satyendra Sharma, Will Warren , Tom Marcoulier

Visitors: None

1. Call the meeting to order - Meeting started at 7:32 PM

Roll call - Satyendra Sharma –present, Will Warren– present, Tom Marcoulier-present and Kathryn McKee – present.

2. Approve Minutes from 08/28/2025 and 09/15/2025

- Will take up in next meeting.

3. Peninsula Trail Phase I, MassTrails grant, project update: signage and grant extension, paving

- Signage discussion – we have \$15,000 for signage and money from CPA funding
- Discussed signage placement:
 - Kiosk to be installed near the new parking area off of Route 30 and Central Street intersection
- Signage types – historical, including indigenous people, dam building, forest management, wayfinding, trail maps, wildlife,
- Signage to include QR codes for audio files, hunting season, trail conditions, appropriate usage of the trails, project sponsorship acknowledgement, STC logo, other accessible features that we might include.
- Along the trail – interpretive signage to highlight wetlands, double arch bridge, for example.
- A second kiosk could be located on the east side, near the natural surface trail
- Interpretive signage content– about the land acquisition (eminent domain) history of the dam building, chronological time line and people who worked on the project and people who lived here before the settlers.
- First interpretive sign can be installed near the riser shaft area – history and people
- A single post sign with mention of East Main street and schoolhouse that used to be along this trail.
- Another single post sign about double arch bridge near the east end of the trail.
- Second sign for wetland and watershed
- Third sign – building of the dam

- Next step is to be in touch with local Nipmuc counsel to confirm the history that would be included in the signage. Also, reach out to Southborough Historical Society. Word smithing process would be taken up in future meetings.

4. Bench Placement

- Tom Marcoulier and Kathryn McKee installed 3 benches on various trail locations on 9/18/2025
- Two additional bench installation will need another work party.
- Wood to be relocated in the shed – work party – 8:30 AM on 10/04/2025

5. Closing out any outstanding projects

- Yoga on the Trails session this Saturday 09/27/2025 at 9:00 AM
- Committee confirmed hosting one more Yoga on the Trail session in October..

6. Committee business related to maintenance, trail abutters, website, policies

- Trail Maintenance

7. Schedule next meeting

- Thursday, October 2, and Tuesday October 7, 2025 at 7:30 PM

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting -moved the motion by Tom Marcoulier, Will Warren– seconded. Roll Call – Satyendra Sharma – yes, Tom Marcoulier, Will Warren – yes, Satyendra Sharma – yes and Kathryn McKee – yes. Motion approved 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM

Documents Shared During the Meeting:

None