

# CALAIS TRAILS COMMITTEE

Calais Town Offices

## MINUTES

May 18, 2019, 11:00am (approved as corrected)

Present: Tom Blachly, Bill Russell, Reed Cherington, Toni Kaeding  
Guests: Mary Knealan, Larry Bush

### 1. Call to order

Tom called the meeting to order at 11am

### 2. Approval of minutes from 4/26/18

Reed offered update to item #5 about re-decking of bridge on Ellis Bruce Trail. Wooden bridge completely replaced by stone bridge built by Randy Allen with assistance from John Kaeding. No cost. Motion to approve as written made by Bill, Reed seconded, unanimous.

### 3. Re-appointment of committee members

The reappointments of Randy, Tom, and Reed were confirmed by the Calais Selectboard.

### 4. Election of officers

Reed moved to name Tom as new Chair, Toni seconded, unanimous.

### 5. Meeting with Mary Knealan, Middlesex Trails

Mary Knealan represents a work group interested in developing a trail system in Middlesex and seeks input from Calais Trails. Reed advised working with Middlesex Conservation Commission. Additional discussion topics included liability, seeking permission of property owners, easements, markings, appropriate uses and Worcester contacts.

### 6. Lilla Family Fund Grant

Calais Trails received a grant of \$1000 in honor of Reed Cherington. Thanks to Darby Bradley for applying for this grant. Funds to be considered for creation of an endowment, to develop trail rights, construction and other trail uses. Calais Trails currently has roughly \$4000 in town fund. No action recommended at this time.

### 7. Trail maps

Trail maps by Ram Verma were distributed to Committee members. Tom raised question about scope of further distribution. General consensus to distribute locally only. Website presence rejected.

Further discussion about clarity of signage in Town Forest. No action.

**8. Trail markers**

Steve Bronstein, Blackthorne Forge, is making stencils for additional markers.

**9. E Calais Historic District Meeting – May 8, 2019**

Reed, who attended this meeting, reported a general discussion of historical resources in E Calais that seek to be named to the National Historic District Register. No interest in trail development expressed.

**10. Joint meeting of Calais and E Montpelier Historical Societies – scheduled for May 20, 2019, 5pm**

Topic: Calais Trails. Reed planning to attend.

**11. Other business**

- Supply of half finished trail markers in Reed's garage. Toni requested 5.

**12. Adjournment**

Toni moved to adjourn, Reed seconded, unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 12:40pm.