

HARWINTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Meeting June 20, 2016  
Minutes

- Meeting 7pm

Present: S. Barlow, C. Butcher, P. Denton, H Etter, J Kirchner

April Minutes: reviewed and a correction noted: P. Denton, seconded H. Etter  
budget amount \$400 (correct from \$500)

**Budget expenditures:**

Blazes: \$208.50

Flowers for the Green: \$ 173.30

Amount left \$18.20

motion by S. Barlow for P. Denton to purchase sign post with remaining budget.  
seconded by c. Butcher

**Conservation Area:**

**trails:**

**motion of acceptance:** S. Barlow made a motion (seconded by P. Denton)

to accept the NEMBA bike trails as they currently exist on the western side of Leadmine brook  
as defined in email from NEMBA member Tod Kenny:

"As I understand it the present concern involves the 85 yards of the Double-Red trail on the west side of the stonewall. We will improve the site lines on this section of the trail so that anyone on the trail is clearly visible and we will post Caution signs to highlight the need to be aware of the possibility of other users."

email clarification with P Denton and Tod Kenny working together and agreeing:

- 1) Both bike trails will be accessed via the short center cut through path from the main entrance.
- 2) Beginner access, to the left, would probably require a short amount (15yds) of rerouting of the double red trail just after crossing through the rock wall to create a "T" intersection. Hikers go left, bikers go right and a sign post can be added to force the user to choose a direction.
- 3) Advanced access, to the right, would share 85 yards of the double red trail (along the rock wall) up to the intersection of the double red trail, the end of the yellow trail and beginning of the bike trail. Sight lines for this section will be improved and the trail widened to allow safe passage.

**note that this will include an 85 yard shared section to be improved and widened to be a multi-use section of trail (bikes and hikers)**

**This motion is pending approval of Selectman M. Criss.**

Vote: Yes: S. Barlow, C. Butcher, P. Denton, J Kirchner

No: H Etter

**motion:** C. Butcher made a motion (seconded by J Kirchner) that no further bike trails to be developed on the western side of Leadmine brook.

vote: all present in favor

**Mapping, trail marking, signage**

Map- P. Denton working on this. Will obtain information from NEMBA to ensure map covers the bike trails as well.

Trail marking- H Etter to order orange markers- remark the double red as an orange trail per

CFPA.

signs: S. Barlow to explore sign costs. potential signs needed:

1. 3 signs located at all entrances other than the end of the cul de sac of the athletic fields

*Hiking trail only*

*No motorized vehicles*

*No hunting or trapping*

*Access to bike trail at cul de sac of athletic field complex.*

2. brown and white hiker signs

3. No biking signs

4. arrows

5. 2 signs for multi-use section (both ends) designating shared with hiker and biker.

**motion:** S. Barlow made a motion (seconded J Kirchner) to allow H. Etter to spend up to \$125 for orange markers after July 1st, next fiscal year.

**Trail markings:** Work day to be scheduled once markers are purchased. H. Etter to notify members and then the work day will be determined.

**Chairperson: Motion** by J. Kirchner (seconded by H. Etter) - C. Butcher to be chairperson for Conservation Commission.

vote: all in favor

Meeting adjourned 8:30

Submitted:

Colleen Butcher

RECEIVED FOR RECORD AT HARWINTON CT  
ON 06/24/16 AT 8:30AM  
ATTEST NANCY E. ELDRIDGE TOWN CLERK