

Wilmington Trails Committee

Minutes for March 9, 2017

Present: John Greene, *chair*; Crista Gannon, *vice chair*; Ann Ottaviano, *secretary*; Jake White, Joe Arnold, Gary Henry, Spencer Crispe, Bob Fisher, *alternate* Tim Hunt, John Gannon *ex officio* and *guests* Andy McLean, Benny McGinnis, Jamie Storrs, Kelly Pawlak and Elia Hamilton.

Introduction of Guests: Our guests are members of the Bi- Town Committee and representatives from Peak Resorts and Mount Snow.

Approve Minutes: We did not have a quorum last month, consequently there are no minutes.

Election of Officers: Crista Gannon moved that John Greene remain as president, Gary Henry seconded, all approved. John Greene made the motion that Crista Gannon continue to be our vice chair, Ann Ottaviano seconded, all approved. John Greene moved that Ann Ottaviano continue to be secretary, Crista Gannon seconded, all approved.

Discussion of Valley-wide Trails Synergy: We brought the Bi-Town group up to date on our Valley Trail work, issues with obtaining permits for working on sections of said trail and our ongoing problems with the Wetlands Committee and Act 250. Kelly Pawlak described to us many of Bi-Town's objectives such as trail maintenance, parking, identifying the core, marketing and trying to find a way to expedite permits. They have been able to work well with the National Forest Service on some of their trails. It was determined that both committees need to have a discussion with snowmobile clubs.

Ideas and Plans for National Trails Day: June 3rd is National Trail day. We discussed last year's events and will come up with a plan for this year at our April meeting.

Update on Valley Trail: John Gannon stated that we should speak to our attorney about "municipal exemptions" for our trail work instead of getting involved with the Act 250 process. Jake White explained that the more detailed information we give certain agencies about the products we use for trail work the faster the permit process.

Update on Other Trails: John Greene discussed working on an old snowmobile trail from Forbush Road up Haystack. Work should proceed this spring.

Plan for Trail Maintenance 2017: All trail maintenance will be planned at April meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 6p.m. in the Town Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Ottaviano
Recording secretary

