

Wilmington Trails Committee

August 11, 2016

Present: John Greene, *chair*; Crista Gannon, *vice president*; Ann Ottaviano, *recording secretary*, John Gannon, Bob Fisher, Jake White and guest Elia Hamilton.

Absent: Joe Arnold, Spencer Crispe, Gary Henry and alternate Tim Hunt.

Meeting called to order at 6 p.m.

Changes to Agenda: Elia Hamilton from Mount Snow addressed the board about a possible network of mountain biking trails in the valley. He is trying to improve and expand community based trails. There was a lengthy discussion of possibilities and issues with said network. All agreed that such a system would be beneficial in our area and that Elia should see how it is done elsewhere. Reference was made to the Kingdom Trail system in northern Vermont.

Approve Minutes: John Greene moved to approve the minutes for July 14, 2016, Crista Gannon seconded, all approved.

Update on the Valley Trail: Jake White reported that he has been in touch with Jeff Parsons, the wetlands biologist. Jake was informed that Rebecca Chalmers had issues with 22 spots on the Valley Trail. Jake has each area itemized with possible solutions. The board wants to know if we are able to start trail work in the uncontested areas.

Ramp for Reardon's Bridge: The Development Review Board is having another meeting this week to discuss the new ramp and its positioning with the crosswalk.

Update on Other Trails: Jake White mowed under the boardwalk on the Hoot, Toot and Whistle Trail and continued to mow further down the trail. New growth was mowed along the edge of trail.

Planning for New Trail Work:

Chimney Hill Trail off Haystack – Large tree is down.

Shearer Hill Trail – A chainsaw is needed for several “blow downs” but it is walkable.

John Greene will take another look at the “Buzzy Park Trail”.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 6 p.m. in the Town Meeting Room

Respectfully submitted
Ann G. Ottaviano

