

Wilmington Trail Committee
Minutes
February 9, 2012

Present: John Greene, Kim Kurak, Spencer Crispe, Bob Fisher, Joe Arnold, Ann Ottaviano, Jason Saltman, Gary Henry and Diane Chapman (ex officio). Guests: Matthew Cole (Trans Canada), Sue Spengler, Ryan Edwards, Alan Stewart, Bob DiLeo, John Gannon and Crista Gannon.

Absent: Joan Rech and Mark Haughwout.

Meeting called to order at 6:04 PM

1. Riverwalk Trail - Barry Reardon is funding the Riverwalk project construction, footpath and bridge. Stakes for the proposed bridge are in place. Photos of the proposed bridge were reviewed by committee members and guests. Bob Fisher informed those present about past reports by Southern Vermont Engineering and wetland areas along the trail. Another review by Southern Vermont Engineering will be necessary to identify class 2 and 3 wetlands for proper trail construction with the least impact on the environment and for an estimate for said construction.
2. Hoot, Toot and Whistle Trail and Riverwalk – Matthew Cole, the representative for Trans Canada, stated we should move forward with a land use and licensing agreement. All permits should be in place. It was suggested that Paul Meyers, interim Town Manager, should make a site visit with all the key people involved in the project. Mark Bannon of Bannon Engineering (P O. Box 171, Randolph, VT 05060) should be contacted for advice since he helped the Moover with permits.
3. Shearer Hill Trail – We have a “Memorandum of Agreement between the State of Vermont, Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation and Town of Wilmington Trails Committee”. The Shearer Hill Trail joins the Molly Stark Trail to the top of Mt. Olga. We are seeking permission to join up with the Hogback Trails. Some members of our committee must meet with the Hogback Preservation Committee. The Hogback Preservation Committee will then meet with the Marlboro selectboard for their consent.
4. Valley Trail - Must link up under the power lines and possibly change to more scenic routes at a later date.
5. Raponda Primitive Trail – The Laughlins on West Lake Road will have a party on February 19th to discuss the trail. Spencer Crispe will contact us about the time. Bob Fisher and Spenser Crispe will look into the matter of the Land Trust. The Beaver Brook Bridge is in need of repairs.

6. Raponda Ridge Trail – John Greene volunteered to measure the span for a connecting bridge to the Hogback Trails.

Gary Henry reported that there will be a meeting with the Army Corp of Engineers next Wednesday. They will be studying the Deerfield Valley infrastructure since the flooding and making recommendations.

It was recommended that the selectboard should advise all committees with interest in the Riverwalk that the Wilmington Trails Committee is moving along finalizing permits in order to start construction ASAP.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40.

Next Meeting – March 8th at 6PM

Respectfully submitted,
Ann G. Ottaviano
Recording Secretary