

Wilmington Trail Committee
Minutes
March 8, 2012

Present: John Greene, Joe Arnold, Ann Ottaviano, Jason Saltman and Gary Henry. Town Manager, Scott Murphy. Friends of the Wilmington Trail Committee: John Gannon, Crista Gannon, Sue Spengler, Ben Joyce, Kim Kurak and Ryan Edwards.

Absent: Mark Haughwout, Joan Rech, Bob Fisher and Spencer Crispe.

Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM

The committee voted to continue meeting the second Thursday of the month at 6PM. It was proposed that John Greene continue as chairperson and Ann Ottaviano as recording secretary, so voted.

All present reviewed pictures of several bridges to consider for the Riverwalk project. John Greene informed the trails committee that we have \$37,000 in our account.

1. Hogback trails and signage – Kim Kurak, Jason Saltman and Ann Ottaviano will attend the Hogback Preservation Committee meeting on Monday, March 11, 2012 at 6PM. We will be discussing connectivity to the Raponda Ridge Trails and signage and markers on the Hogback Trails
2. Riverwalk- Gary Henry explained that we cannot proceed with any project on the Riverwalk trail until the site has been visited by the Agency of Natural Resources for the state of Vermont. He hopes to hear from them next week and will set a date for their visit. A Watershed Agency engineer, river engineer and a river scientist will represent the ANR. It was suggested that Town Manager, Scott Murphy, Wilmington Trails Committee chair, John Greene, Ben Joyce, Bob Fisher and Jim Burke represent Wilmington at said meeting. Mr. Henry stressed the importance of having documentation in order before their visit. Sue Spengler and John Greene will talk to Barry Reardan about the financing process. They will also discuss the need for a rendering of the Riverwalk in order to show interested parties. Topics under discussion with the agency will be necessary permits, enlarging the flood plain, river restoration and erosion control for the town of Wilmington. We want Wilmington to be a flood resilient community.
3. Raponda Ridge Trail – The new bridge connection to the Hogback VAST trail will measure between 23’-24’. John Greene will order the necessary materials
4. There was a discussion about the 40 volunteers (35 teenagers and 5 adults) from St. Mary’s Church in Holiston, MA to help with the Irene cleanup June 25th to June 29th. We notified Alan Stewart that we could use their help for trail cleanup after the storm. The contact person would be John Greene. A list of work to be done by the group will be discussed at our next meeting.

Meeting ended at 7:20 PM.