

**Wilmington Trail Committee
Minutes for May 9, 2013**

Present: John Greene, *chair*; Gary Henry, Joe Arnold, Crista Gannon, Ann Ottaviano, Jake White (ex officio) and alternates John Gannon and Ryan Edwards.

Absent: Bob Fisher, Spencer Crispe and alternate Mark Haughwout

Meeting came to order at 6 p.m.

The committee studied Mike Purcell's maps of proposed trails in the vicinity of the airport and Little John Trail.

John Greene informed the committee of Bob Fisher's proposal that we use trail committee funds to build kiosks at our major trail heads. On April 28th Bob Fisher and his extended family did trail maintenance work on the Shearer Hill Trail and he intends to return with a weed whacker to complete the cleanup.

Lake Raponda Trails: On Sunday April 28th John Greene, Gary Henry, Spencer Crispe, Jake White and John Gannon did spring cleanup work on Lake Raponda Trails and Raponda Ridge.

River Bank Maintenance: On Saturday, May 4th committee members and a volunteer group from AmeriCorp NCCC cleaned up the riverbank in the vicinity of where the new bridge will be placed. Thank you AmeriCorp, Jake White, Cliff and Diane Duncan, John Greene, Crista and John Gannon, Ann Ottaviano and Joe Arnold for working on said project.

Primitive Trail: On Sunday, May 5th members met at Wahoos to walk and do some cleanup on the Primitive Trail. With permission of the owner, Jake White did a remarkable job with his chainsaw cleaning up that section of the trail after hurricane Irene. I would like to thank the following volunteers - Crista and John Gannon, Bob and Finn Fisher, Ryan Edwards, Jake and Walt White, Spencer Crispe, John Greene and Ann Ottaviano. John Greene will seek written permission for use of a section of trail through their property from the following landowners: Wurzburger, Wikstrom and Mack. Bob Fisher will seek written permission from Peter Park and Spencer will seek written permission from Sellej, Gereighty and Tamas.

Bi-Town Trail Committee: On Monday, May 6th members of the Bi-Town Trail Committee and Wilmington Trail Committee met to scout section one of the Valley Trail. The following people scouted the trail from the Wilmington Inn to the Chimney Hill tennis courts: Ryan Holton, Meg Streeter, Mike Purcell, Ann Ottaviano, Jake White, Crista Gannon, Randy Terk and John Greene.

Hoot, Toot and Whistle Trail: Trans Canada has not signed off on the trail to date.

New Bridge: Trail Day and the opening ceremony for the new bridge will be Saturday, June 1st. A short hike from the bridge is planned plus mountain biking on Raponda Ridge. John Gannon will speak to Scott Murphy about putting in posts for the new parking lot lights so that we can complete trail work in the parking lot. He will also speak to Alice Richter about the placement of the trail near the Crafts Inn.

Proposed Trail Work Days: Saturday, May 18th at 1 p.m. or Sunday, May 19th at 10 a.m.

Maps: Crista Gannon will call Minuteman Press and ask them to print 500 trail maps.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next Meeting Thursday, June 13, 2013 at 6 p.m. at Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Ottaviano
Recording Secretary