

Wilmington Trail Committee Minutes for July 12, 2018

Present: Spencer Crispe, *Chair*; Crista Gannon, *vice chair*; John Gannon, Jake White, Alan Baker, Joanne Yankura

Absent: John Greene, Bob Fisher, Gary Henry

Alternate: Ann Ottaviano

Guests: Ann Ottaviano, Scott Tucker, *Town Manager*

Meeting convened at 6:10 pm

Changes to the Agenda:

- Spencer made a motion to nominate Joanne as recording secretary. Crista seconded. All approved.
- Crista started compiling a list of member phone contact information for sending messages and notifications.

Scheduled Agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes: Jake made a motion to accept the minutes for May 10, 2018. Spencer seconded. All approved.
2. Vote on Haystack Trail Renewal: Spencer made a motion to postpone a vote and further discussion regarding restoration of the former snow mobile trail, extending from Forbush Road to the connection with Haystack Mountain Trail, until the October meeting. Jake seconded. All agreed.
3. Signage on Shearer Hill, Raponda Ridge, Ware Road and Lake Raponda: Proposals were discussed and action plans decided upon for sign improvements at several locations on the above trails. (details on attached PDF).
4. Trail Re-naming: Action deferred until next map revision.
5. Maps and Data: Trail #8 & #9 do not correspond correctly with the map legend descriptions. Jessica (Town Office) will be asked to reverse the legend numbers on the town website Wilmington Trail Map link.
6. Work day for signage installation and Improvements: **Tuesday, July 17th @ 5 pm**. Meet at the Raponda Ridge Trailhead off Ware Road. The goals set include completing signage improvements on Shearer Hill trail and clearing on Raponda Ridge.
7. Hogback Linking to Wilmington Trail Network: Enhance town trail network visibility and electronic map utility on the town website by adding a descriptive paragraph under "Trails and Hiking" highlighting the Wilmington Town Trails and providing a link to a GPS-enabled keyhole map (attached PDF proposal)
8. Next Meeting: **Thursday, August 23rd @ 6 pm, Town Offices**

New Business:

Scott Tucker, Town Manager, will work to facilitate progress on securing wetlands permitting for relevant areas along the Valley Trail. As a first step, the previously retained attorneys will be contacted to clarify their responsibilities in moving the process forward.

Ongoing Business:

- Trail mowing and other needed trail cleaning
- Replacing missing/worn out signs & marking prohibited areas

Crista made a motion to adjourn. Spencer seconded. All agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Yankura