

Wilmington Trail Committee Minutes for October 11, 2018

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

Absent: John Greene, Gary Henry, John Gannon, Ann Ottaviano, Tim Hunt

Meeting convened at 6:08 pm

Scheduled Agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes: Crista made a motion to accept the minutes for September 13, 2018. Spencer seconded. All approved.
2. Signage Improvements and Trail Condition Updates:
 - a) Spencer received a large order of trail signs that will be kept at Greene's and accessible during regular business hours.
 - b) New signage for the Primitive trailhead parking area on West Lake Road is ready to be mounted. Jake Roberts reported mowing from the wooden bridge to West Lake Road and will attempt to gain access with the DR and work from the bridge to White's Road.
 - c) The two new downtown trails (Beaver Brook Trail & Monument Trail) will connect East and West sections of town. Both trails need marking and mowing.
 - d) Valley Trail to Chimney Hill and Hoot Toot and Whistle beyond and around the boardwalk likely need mowing. Jake Roberts will assess conditions and perform mowing if warranted.
 - e) Bob Fisher will try to walk Shearer Hill before the November meeting and report back regarding condition and any needed work.
3. **The next two work bee dates are:** **Wednesday, October 17th @ 5:30 pm** to complete updated parking signage for the Primitive Trailhead on West Lake Road. Meet at the parking area. **Sunday, November 4th @ 9 am** to mark the Beaver Brook Trail and Monument Trail. Meet at the Old High School.
4. **Next Meeting: Thursday, November 8th @ 6 pm, Town Offices.**

Ongoing Business:

- Jake White suggested implementing a method to monitor each trail periodically. To start the process members selected or were delegated a trail, or a section of longer trails, nearest to their property. Several trails still need a "champion" (see list at end of minutes).
- Placing the September work bee notice on the town website did not generate any public participation. Placing announcements in the town newsletter vs. on the website was suggested. Joanne will speak with Jessica DeFrancesco about that alternative approach.
- Spence met with a NFS staff member in September who confirmed the decision to decommission the Forbush Road -> Haystack trail. Spence advised abandoning any notions of maintaining the trail.

- Alan apprised the committee of a NFS-sponsored chain saw course on October 20th that includes three levels of training and would credential participants to use chain saws on NFS land. Alan will forward the NFS confirmatory email with meeting place and time.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Yankura

List for Monitoring & Reporting on Trail Conditions/Needed Work

Committee Member

Trail

Spencer

Lake Raponda Trails
(Green Mountain Beach & Class 4 Ware Road)

Crista & John

Ware-Homestead & Hogback Connector

Bob Fisher

Shearer Hill

John Greene

Primitive Trail
(White's Road to crest of Blueberry Hill)

Jake White

Primitive Trail
(West Lake Road to crest of Blueberry Hill)

Alan Baker

Raponda Ridge

Joanne Yankura

Lisle Hill to White's Road

Valley Trail

Hoot Toot & Whistle

Beaver Brook & Monument

River Walk & Downtown Loop