

Wilmington Trail Committee

Minutes for July 9, 2020

Members Present: Jake Roberts, Chair; Bob Fisher, Vice Chair; John Gannon – Selectboard Rep.
Absent: Jake White, Gary Henry, Alex Struzinski. **Alternates Present:** Alan Baker, Geri Kogut – Secretary. **Absent:** Ann Ottaviano, Brian Hamill, Tim Hunt, **Public Present:** Joanne Yankura.

Meeting Call to Order by Jake Roberts at 6:10 pm.

Scheduled Agenda:

1. **Minutes: Motion** to Accept May 14, 2020 Minutes by Jake R. with a 2nd by Bob F; all approved.
2. **Public Participation:** Joanne Yankura
3. **Committee Members & Alternates:** Agenda item #7 moved up to discuss with Jake to then present to the Wilmington Selectboard to have Geri Kogut moved from Alternate to a Trail Committee member and add Joanne Yankura as an Alternate member to the Committee. Jake Roberts made the **motion** with a second by Bob Fisher. All in favor.
4. **New Map Details:** Agenda item # 2 moved up to discuss and vote on new map details. Lengthy discussion on the original map and its appearance to avoid a busy appearance. The original map is with Jeff N. so certain items can be moved around or updated. Loops for some trails were discussed for those hiking that prefer that type of trail. An example is Lake Raponda as a loop with Ware Road. There is a new Q & R Code. Members had the opportunity to review the changes and add any comments. Discussion on how many maps should be printed followed since the original supply of maps was 1,000 but that supplies seems to have been depleted. Alan B. will make changes as discussed with two trails added. **Motion** by Jake R. to have 1,000 maps as the previous order had been be printed after changes are made by Alan from the discussion. There was a second by Alan B. All in favor. Another **motion** was made by Jake R. to have 10 maps printed as the size of 11 X 17 then have each laminated to go on each kiosk. There was second by Alan B. All in favor.
5. **Trail Conditions & Work Bees:** Discussion followed on the trails and their condition to ensure safety and enjoyment of hikers. Some areas that needed mowing that were mentioned, Jake had taken care of by the meeting time. Some blackberry bramble bushes were becoming a problem. The next work bee is scheduled for Thursday the 23rd on the Hoot & Toot Trail for fallen trees and tall grass trimming.
6. **Current Trail Budget:** Current expenses and number of mowing was shared. Some trails did not need to be mowed as much or trimmed due possibly to some dry weather. A review of spending and expenses was discussed. The exact cost to print all the maps is not known at this meeting.

7. **Website Update:** Alan has been busy finalizing the map updates before they go to printing. He is looking for feedback from Trail Committee members on the work done to date on the website. Jo suggested a “drop down” tab. Alan will look to include “Friends of the Trails” section for interested persons who wish to help on work bees but not necessarily attend meetings.

New Business:

1. **“Hike 100 Community Challenge”** - Jo shared information on Wings Community Programs which is coming up. Families can register to hike and track miles. It is for all ages and families or individuals.
2. **Exercise Equipment for Beaver Brook:** Gary Henry had been involved with this project. Questions on to the location of the equipment, the project and any monies left over. Jo offered to check into this.
3. **Flags for Veterans:** Geri had been talking with Walt White who has been finding and placing flags at every cemetery stone for the veterans. Some locations are challenging to get to. John Gannon shared there is a cemetery off Ware Road. Walt would like some help placing some of the flags. Jake suggested Walt might speak to this Committee on his process and the help needed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Geri Kogut