

Wilmington Trail Committee

Minutes for August 13, 2020

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

Meeting Call to Order by Vice Chair, Bob Fisher at 6:19 pm.

Scheduled Agenda:

1. **Minutes**: Amendment to the minutes of July 9th under New Business #2 to read “**money, that was left over from a grant for connectivity laying shurpack that was placed on the Beaver Brook Trail, was used to purchase 3 pieces of equipment which is now stored in the old High School.**” **Motion** to approve the minutes with the amendment was made by Alan B. with 2nd by Joanne Y. All in favor.
2. **Public Participation**: None
3. **Election of New Chair of the Committee**: After Committee discussion Alan B. made a **motion** to nominate Bob Fisher as Chair of the Trail Committee with a second by Geri K. There were no other nominations from the floor. The vote was unanimous. Congratulations Bob Fisher as the new Trail Committee Chair.
4. **Maps**: Jo shared the procedure she was informed of when this committee will be making expenditures with our budget. Every expenditure, even if approved by the Trail Committee, must be shown to the Town Manager or Assistant Manager and they present it to the Selectboard. This may have been overlooked without knowledge when the former Chair of Trails stepped down and before a new Chair was voted in. Jo also shared that 2,000 maps from 2015 are stored in the Town Hall with Jessica and a few at the Chamber. Members were not aware of the maps. Jo also has about 100 copies. The newly updated version of the 2020 map had 1,000 copies recently printed which are more up to date. Discussion followed on where to store the maps. Alan made a motion to have Jo Yankura be the map liaison with Jessica DeF. at Town Hall and with The Chamber, a second by Geri K. Bob suggested maps stay at Town Hall if allowed and Jo will retrieve as needed. The older maps may be used during Old Home Week, 2021 or used when appropriate. Geri mentioned Wilmington Works email news has a list of resources which includes the Wilmington Trails showing the latest version and most up to date map. It was also mentioned the Town has an update on their web site, content is the same but with a different look. Jo mentioned the larger maps for the kiosk that are to be printed & laminated need some more specifics for certain locations. The price will be given to Jessica for the Selectboard approval.
5. **Storm Clean Up**: Alan had been on Hoot, Toot & Whistle trail and cleared a tree , another member stated another trail had a tree down but hikers could still use it.

6. **Next Work Bee:** August 27th at 5:00 PM. Location to be determined.
7. **New Business:**
 - a. Both Jo and Geri gave a brief summary on a webinar they both saw on August 11, at 1:00 to 2:00 PM; *“Trail Use Trends: Leveraging Data to Make the Case for Trails* presented by **Rails-to-Trails Conservancy**. Both members shared what was learned such as why counters are used, the types available, the data collected, locations and any issues with their use. Joanne mentioned Jeff Nugent has counters in place in town through funding with a Transportation Program. Jo will invite Jim to speak to the Trails Committee at our next meeting on September 10th.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Geri Kogut