

Wilmington Trails Committee

Minutes for July 13, 2017

Present: John Greene, *chair*; Crista Gannon, *vice-chair*; Ann Ottaviano, *secretary*; Spencer Crispe, Jake White, Gary Henry, John Gannon, *ex-officio* and Gretchen Havreluk, *guest*.

Absent: Bob Fisher, Joe Arnold and alternate Tim Hunt.

Meeting called to order at 6p.m.

Approve Minutes: John Greene moved to approve the minutes for June 8, 2017, Crista Gannon seconded, all approved.

Changes to the Agenda: Gretchen Havreluk attended a meeting with the Vermont Community Development Association. The topic was “The Economic Impact and Future of Vermont’s Trails and Recreation Paths.” She reported on the following:

- Trail Finder – A useful site for our trail maps.
- Google Maps – Another useful site for our trail maps.
- Applications for grants to fund trail maintenance and development of new trails.
- Should have an impact study, mentioned Drew Pollak-Bruce a member of the above association.

Gretchen also suggested that we apply for trail maintenance funds from the “1% Local Option Tax Fund” since our coffers are empty. We discussed the amount needed for help and needed equipment for trail clearing. We came up with a budget of \$6,000.00 and Crista Gannon volunteered to apply for said funds ASAP. Gary Henry will see if Don Jones would be interested in helping us clear trails. Since the town received only one bid on a ramp for Reardon’s Crossing, Gretchen asked three additional firms to bid.

Update on other Trails:

- Shearer Hill Trail – Trail head sign needed as well as maintenance and blue trail markers.
- Valley Trail – Clearing work needed across from Reardon’s Crossing and under power lines.
- Buzzy Park – Continue clearing in the area near tennis court.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: On Thursday, August 10, 2017 we will meet next to the municipal tennis courts with shovels, hammers and clippers at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Ann Ottaviano
Secretary