

Wilmington Trail Committee Minutes for March 14, 2019

Present: Spencer Crispe, *Chair*; Bob Fisher, Gary Henry, Jake White, Joanne Yankura, Jake Roberts

Absent: Crista Gannon, *vice chair*, John Gannon; *Selectboard Rep.*, John Greene, Alan Baker, Ann Ottaviano, Tim Hunt

Guests: Gretchen Havreluk; *Wilmington Economic Development Specialist*

Meeting Convened at 6:11 pm

Scheduled Agenda:

1. Presentation on Valley Trail by Gretchen Havreluk:
 - Gretchen displayed the WRC website link to pedestrian counter data obtained from several Wilmington locations. The information may be useful in gauging trail utilization patterns and planning future resource allocation.
 - Gretchen reviewed the 9/5/18 preliminary assessment of the Valley Trail that was performed with Mt. Snow trail design engineers, Jeff Nugent from WRC, who simultaneously created a GIS map, Scott Tucker, Gretchen Havreluk and two WTC members. Mt. Snow engineers are still working on a comprehensive trail design plan with recommended surface materials and re-routes where indicated.
 - Committee members discussed various approaches with Gretchen that would facilitate completing a portion of the Valley Trail in 2019. Gretchen will discuss the feasibility of breaking the trail work into phases with the Town Manager.
2. Approval of Minutes: Bob made a motion to accept minutes for January 10, 2019. Jake White seconded. All approved.
3. Public Participation: None
4. National Trails Day Saturday, June 1st Event:
 - Discussion led to the decision to mark National Trail Day with a WTC-hosted loop walk starting at Wahoo's, traversing over Lisle Hill Trail, connecting through town along the new Beaver Brook Trail, and concluding back at Wahoo's. Necessary work required to sign and establish the new trail path was discussed and itemized, including a **temporary work bee** scheduled for **Thursday, April 25th**, weather permitting. Date and time to be refined at the April meeting.
 - A second work bee on the Beaver Creek Trail will occur in May; date and time TBA
 - Joanne will contact Green Up Day organizers to request help cleaning up trash behind the soccer field and along the chain link fence areas.
5. Primitive Trail: After various options were discussed regarding the Primitive Trail section closed due to landslide, the decision was made to postpone a final decision in order to reassess the entire area when the entire terrain is

more visible. Possible options include: engineering a safe path along the initial, steep bypass; identifying a novel bypass; permanently routing the trail via the current bypass (on Seymour's property) or possibly maintaining two paths: one more difficult and the other over easier terrain.

6. Next meeting: **Thursday, April 11th @ 6 pm, Town Offices**

Jake Roberts made a motion to adjourn Jake White seconded. All agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Yankura