

## Wilmington Trail Committee Minutes for May 9, 2019

**Present:** Spencer Crispe, *Chair*; Jake Roberts, *vice chair*; Bob Fisher, Gary Henry, Joanne Yankura, Alan Baker, Brian Hamill, Ann Ottaviano

**Absent:** John Gannon, *Selectboard Rep.*; Crista Gannon, Jake White

**Guests:** Geri Kogut, Scott Tucker, *Town Manager*; Cindy Hayford, *OSEC Board Member*; *DVES students* Jack Cady & Eddie Oakley

Meeting Convened at 6:07 pm

### Scheduled Agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes: Jake made a motion to accept minutes for April 11, 2018. Gary seconded. All approved.
2. Public Participation: Attendees from DVES voiced plans to participate in the WTC-hosted town trail walk on June 1<sup>st</sup>, National Trails Day.
3. Trails Day discussion, vote on Beaver Brook Trail & presentation by Cindy Hayford:
  - The loop route planned for the Trails Day hike was reviewed.
  - Connectivity signage concerns, trail surface material utilization, and related topics were discussed. Scott Tucker provided advice, potential solutions, and suggestions. The outcome of the vote on the Beaver Brook Trail route was to bring the trail out to the Main Street sidewalk rather than configured as a self-contained loop. All members present voted in favor except Spencer Crispe voted nay.
  - Cindy Hayford discussed grant funds obtained by OSEC as a 3-4-50 Partner, a VT Department of Public Health initiative aimed at preventing chronic disease by promoting healthy behaviors. A portion of the grant is earmarked for promoting walkability in the downtown area and will help fund work on the Beaver Brook and Monument Trails. Spending procedures, requirements, and deadlines stipulated in the grant were reviewed. Gary will function as the WTC liaison to the OSEC board and will provide oversight regarding proper expenditure procedures and fulfillment of other grant requirements.
4. Maps discussion: Joanne presented a list of potential map and signage-related ideas aimed at promoting the town trail system and providing trail information in a more consistent, accessible, and user-friendly manner. Alan presented his work to date on redesigning the Town website "Trails and Hiking" page. Alan and Joanne will work on a list of specific topics and actions; a general outline and proposal will be presented at the June meeting for consideration and input.
5. Set work bee to finish preparation for Trails Day: Work bee on May 16<sup>th</sup> @ 5 pm. Meet at the bottom of the driveway located between the laundromat and Dunkin Donuts/Sunoco station.

6. Set date and time to examine Primitive Trail Landslide: **Work bee on May 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 5:30 pm. Meet at White's Road trailhead.**

Next meeting: **Thursday, June 13th @ 6 pm, Town Offices.**

Motion made to adjourn. All agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Yankura