

Wilmington Trail Committee

Minutes for May 14, 2020

Members Present: Jake Roberts, Chair; Bob Fisher, Vice Chair; Jake White

Absent: Gary Henry, Alex Struzinski

Alternates Present: Alan Baker, Geri Kogut – Clerk. **Absent:** Ann Ottaviano, Brian Hamill, Tim Hunt, John Gannon – Selectboard Rep.

Meeting was called to order by Jake Roberts at 6:07 pm.

Selected Agenda:

1. **Approval of Minutes:** **Motion** was made by Bob Fisher to accept the April 16, 2020 minutes with a second by Jake White. All approved.
2. **Mowing Proposal 2020:** was submitted to the committee. **A motion** was made by Bob Fisher to accept the Mowing Contract to be put on the floor with a second by Geri Kogut. Jake Roberts recused from the discussion and vote but answered any questions. Discussion followed on the number of visits for mowing and brush clearing while members shared any concerns or issues found on certain trails. Points noted: areas with berries and pricker bushes need more visits earlier in the season because there is less growth later; ensure trails are mowed before a holiday. **Motion to read:** To approve the mowing contract in the amount of \$3,756.55. All in favor, motion passed.
3. Jake will create a budget for 2020-2021 which will include any remaining funding from 2019-2020. He will present it to the Selectboard for review.
4. The online google drive was reviewed for Trail Committee for its resources and how familiar members are with it. Alan Baker explained navigating from the wilmingtontrails.org page and answered any questions. Alan is working to improve the site and asks members to send him any comments.
5. Discussion was held on having Trails Day on June 6th with the idea being presented to the Selectboard since there are many restrictions throughout the state with the Covid-19 Virus. Jake will keep us updated. Ideas were shared on how to market the event if it were to occur keeping low numbers and distancing.
6. Ideas were shared on increasing interest on the Trail Committee or those people simply wishing to help maintain the trails. Some individuals may want to help maintain trails without attending Committee meetings. Bob Fisher shared an idea of people being known as “Friends of the Trails.” The Trail Committee would continue to meet on the standard 2nd Thursday of each month then a standard work bee would meet the 4th Thursday of each month at a specified trail to maintain and work on that trail for that evening. Email reminders could then be sent to those people for the work sessions. People would have to contact the Trail Committee to be put on the list.

7. Updates on the trail maps was given by Joanne and Alan. Some history was shared on how the original maps were obtained and printed. Updates are happening on the GPS information on new trails. **A motion** was made by Jake Roberts to have a cast of maps made and add this request for funding to the budget to be presented to the Selectboard. A second was made by Bob Fisher, all in favor.
8. Revenue Generation Campaign: discussion on ideas to help offset expenses and bring awareness to the trails by possible having sponsorships from individuals or businesses; advertising be placed on the edges of the maps and possible donation boxes were ideas that were shared.
9. Trail conditions were discussed with updates on maintenance some trails Committee members did on their own. The next work bee will be Thursday the 21st at the Shearer Hill Trail. Future projects were noted: a trench to be dug and a new sign at Hoot & Toot Trail that was taken.

A motion was made by Jake Roberts to adjourn the meeting with a second by Bob Fisher. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Geri Kogut