

Wilmington Trail Committee

Minutes for September 10, 2020

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

Meeting Called to Order by Chair, Bob Fisher at 6:25 pm.

Public Present: Jeff Nugent, GIS Planner, Windham Regional Commission

Scheduled Agenda:

1. **Minutes: Motion** to accept August 13, 2020 made by Joanne Y. 2nd made by Alan Baker.
2. **Public Participation:** Jeff Nugent did a presentation on the process of using “counters” on hiking trails, walking paths, sidewalks, bike paths throughout communities and ways to use the data collected. Jim began by explaining the types of counters, 3 were mentioned, their differences and some of their locations in the area. The counters can collect information on usage during the day, the weekday or weekend, increase or decrease in seasons, which trails seem more popular, etc. This information is collected over years for comparison. Jeff pointed out data seems to show usage comparison in May 2019 and April 2020 increased by 10 times. Jeff presented the information with a Power Point presentation that Trail Committee members now have if someone is interested in learning more about the information presented. Jeff also commented on the blue markers on area the trails, “they are great” and the “trails are well marked.”
3. **Discussion on *Friends of the Trails*** occurred on developing the Committee’s interest on asking community and seasonal residents to join Trail Committee members to help maintain the Wilmington trails as Committee members regularly check and clean up the trails. The people who want to help will not be on the Trail Committee. They will be helpers to trail maintenance with no requirements to attend monthly meetings. Trail Committee members then shared ideas on the best way to reach out to the community to see if there is an interest. Some people may be interested in becoming official Trail Committee members through our outreach, our members will then explain the process to be voted on.
4. **Next Work Bee:** Joanne offered to contact a Trail Committee member for some information before the next Work Bee is scheduled. Members will then be contacted.
5. **New Business:** None

Motion was made by Joanne Yankura to adjourn the meeting with a second by Geri Kogut.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Geri Kogut