

Wilmington Trail Committee

Minutes for December 10, 2020

Members Present:; Bob Fisher, Chair; Geri Kogut – Secretary, Jake White **Absent:** John Gannon – Selectboard Rep., Jake Roberts,., Alex Struzinski. .

Alternates Present: Joanne Yankura; Alan Baker,. **Absent:** Ann Ottaviano, Brian Hamill, Tim Hunt

Meeting Called to Order by Chair, Bob Fisher at 6:02 pm.

Scheduled Agenda:

1. **Minutes: Motion** to accept minutes from November 12, 2020 was made by Alan Baker with second by Joanne Yankura. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Public Participation:** none
3. **Financial Report:** Geri had sent TC members an updated financial form received from the Town. It showed the money awarded the TC, disbursements, and the present balance of money on hand. Some expenses covered repair or replacement of trail signs and trail maintenance. Discussion & ideas followed to develop a form showing more detail to each expense for the TC notes. Alan offered some ideas to address that.
4. **Budget Discussion FY22:** Questions and discussion was held on funds and anticipated expenses for the new year. Looking into the potential expense for permanent trailhead signs to replace plastic and damaged signs were considered as well as typical annual expenses. John Gannon, the Selectboard Representative for the Trail Committee was not present so these questions will be addressed in a future meeting.
5. **Ideas for Improving the Hoot, Toot & Whistle Trail:** This trail seems to be the trail people are most often directed to when visiting in town. Discussion was held on the trail signs and the 3 loops on the trail with potential confusion for hikers. Ideas were shared for that loop location, a sign may be needed to indicate which path is the steepest, etc. for those unfamiliar with the area. Signs maybe needed as well showing “You are Here” or a sign indicating “Trail to the beach/lake or to “Mountain Mills Beach Area” be established to avoid confusion with the loops. Members shared locations of some other signs on the trail that they are needed, or if they should be replaced.
6. **Beaver Dam Damage:** Beavers were encroaching on the Beaver Brook Trail. Game Wardens can be contacted to help remove the beavers and their construction. Jake reported the issue seemed to be resolved by “Mother Nature” and the recent heavy rains. It appears there are no current beaver problems that need to be addressed.
7. **Bags for Dog Waste:** There is a bag dispenser by the Moover Transportation Co. near Reardon Bridge. The Moover company refills the dispenser but littering from used bags has become an issue. Disposal of used bags was discussed. Jo had spoken with the

transportation company with our concerns. Future follow up is needed on this topic to ensure cleanliness of the area.

8. **Other Business:** 1. Alan began discussion on those Committee members unable to attend meetings. A plan was discussed on finding out their future interest or availability on the Trail Committee. Concerns were shared on numbers needed for a Quorum and its requirements with TC members versus alternate members. 2. Alan also asked if the trail signs near the Treatment Plant on Fairview Ave. were installed to redirect foot traffic off the road for safety of pedestrians using that road. This concern developed from a town review of that area concerning speed and safety factors. Joann will investigate Alan's concern. She will share results at the January meeting.

Motion was made by Alan B. at 6:50 pm to adjourn the meeting with a second by Joanne Y.

Respectfully submitted,

Geri Kogut, Secretary