

Wilmington Trail Committee

Minutes for March 11, 2021

Members Present: Geri Kogut – Secretary, Jake White, Jake Roberts

Alternates Present: Joanne Yankura; Alan Baker,

Guests: Carlotta Gladding (potential new member) & Jessica Lee Smith

Meeting Called to Order by Alan Baker at 6:15 pm.

Scheduled Agenda:

1. **Acceptance of Minutes: No Motion** deferred until next meeting. The February 11 meeting did not have a quorum therefore no voting was conducted.
2. **Public Participation:** Carlotta Gladding - had requested to be a member, & Jessica Lee
3. **Finance:** Geri had nothing new to report but should have more information next meeting since the Town voting/budget has occurred.
4. **Old Home Week Participation:** a self-guided tour was discussed, an easy walk in the main part of the village, a short loop possibility including points of interest. Memorial Hall may be able to have a Trails display with the trails' history. A thought of a scavenger hunt was discussed. Trail maps would be available for those who want to enjoy all the other Wilmington trails. Jake shared some history of the land in the town. Ideas and a plan need to be submitted to The Old Home Week committee by mid-June.
5. **New Members:** Discussion on reaching out to new homeowners & seasonal residents in the area. People do see the "Friends of the Trails" site as awareness to the trails & the committee's work. People have contacted Alan.
6. **Old Business:** Alan raised the question if signage was put up on Fairview Avenue redirecting pedestrian traffic to the pathway to Hoot & Toot Trail. A site visit will be done then a contact to the Town if needed.
7. **New Business:**
 - a. Potential & interest in improving the Hoot & Toot Trail for a multi-use pathway. In the past it was looked at as "trail connectivity" as the original property in hopes the trail becoming more accessible. It is railroad grade, great potential. Further discussion to follow. A collaborative project.
 - b. Reviewing the idea of the TC receiving a "charge" with the Town/Selectboard which involved drafting a mission statement, purpose, accepting certain responsibilities. Further discussion needed.
8. **Motion to Adjourn:** was made by Jo Y. with a second by Jake W. at 7:35 pm. Next meeting is Thursday, April 8, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Geri Kogut, Secretary