

Wilmington Trail Committee

Minutes for June 10, 2021

Members Present: Bob Fisher, Chair; Geri Kogut, Secretary, Julie Koehler, Alex Rioux, Carlotta Gladding

Alternates Present: Joanne Yankura; Alan Baker

Guests: None

Meeting Called to Order at 6:03 pm.

Scheduled Agenda:

1. **Acceptance of May 13 Minutes:** A **Motion** was made by Carlotta G. with 2nd by Alan B. All in favor.
2. **No Public Participation:**
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Members discussed amounts allocated from December 2020 to present. Amounts added were \$331. for the sign company, Voos. The \$156. was for trail mowing. The \$331. amount was for new blazes (directional signs) & other signs that are all in a box at the Town Clerk's office. In the fall the TC should go to the Selectboard to share the different projects & improvements the Trail Committee have done on the trails over the months during the year and what funding was spent on the work. Thoughts of any future projects could be shared. The fiscal year is from July 1 until June 30th. Bob suggested we present the work done at the October or November meeting including potential work plans and any funding requests for the future.

4. **Election of Officers: Chair:** Bob Fisher

Vice Chair: Geri Kogut

Treasurer: Alex Rioux

Secretary: Julie Koehler

5. **Discussion on the Hoot, Toot & Whistle Trail:** During the last TC meeting, Jeff Nugent referenced the 2007 Scoping Report done by a company called SVE Associates at the behest of the town stakeholders including the Selectboard, WTC & the Town Manager. Jeff N. borrowed the report from Scott Tucker to add it for a digital, searchable document for all Trail Committee members easier access to review. That report could be helpful if a grant becomes available. The Trail Committee could have a potential grant, present it to the Selectboard to request the grant which could then fund the project. Jo mentioned the Great River Hydro Agreement took 9 months to be completed. We could look at records already available for the existing HT&W trail. The Committee could then look further into the trail to see what we may want to improve

and accomplish and present ideas to the Board. Gretchen H. seemed grants were available when she was at the last Trail Committee meeting.

6. **Discussion of Installation of Fitness Equipment:** Three pieces of equipment from previous grant money that was to be used to encourage more outdoor activities are stored in the Old School & need to be removed. Trail Committee members discussed possible placement on the Beaver Brook Trail and surrounding area while also sharing ideas to possibly improve the trail ensuring more use by baby jog strollers and senior members with walkers, etc. Members discussed what tools would be needed to install the equipment, surface preparation needed to be done while having discussion with the Town as to possible locations they suggest other Town requirements. Committee members discussed who would take responsible for the different parts of this project.
7. **Next Work Bee is planned for Thursday, June 24 at 5:00 pm meeting at the Main St. side of Reardon Bridge, Ratu's side.** The time to organize & meet will be about 4:30 with starting time at 5:00 pm. Bring a notebook as members will walk while references the 2007 Scoping Study to see which were completed by past WTC members and what may need to be completed including the middle section of the wetlands. Ideas as to improvements or a future project will be discussed as members walk. A car or truck will be available to shuttle participants back to the starting point for an easier & faster return to the start at the end of the Work Bee. Rain date is Friday.
8. **Old Business: Old Home Week - HT&W Trail** ideas previously shared for the community participation during the events with the Trail Committee are: 1. different species of trees with laminated cards stating information about them with the cards could then be attached to those trees. Alan already walked the trail, each tree had a number and a QR code with a master sheet. 2. Do as a treasurer hunt with a quiz. The use of "synthetic paper" was shared by Jo, the cost & characteristics of the material. Alex also suggested aluminum signs that can be ordered online. Alan shared the interest in exploring them which included the material is recyclable. Alan could set up a *geocache*. Many people are interested in them. He explained how they are set up with a possible box placed at specific distances on the trail. Beaver Brook – Julie was working on a "Storybook Walk" with help from the library. Each station would have part of the story to read then continuing to walk on to read the next page of the story. A trifold of Trail activities will be set up at Memorial Hall. Note: **Lyle Hill Trail is closed** on Lyle Hill Rd. due to a logging project being completed in the fall. Bob to put "trail closed" signs that are in storage.
9. **Motion to Adjourn:** at 7:45 pm All in favor.
10. **Next meeting is Thursday, July 8, 2021.**

Respectfully submitted,

Geri Kogut, Secretary