

Wilmington Trails Committee Meeting  
April 14, 2022 6pm

Attendance: Geri Kogut, Joanne Yankura, Bob Fischer, Julie Koehler, Matt Danzico, Jeff Menges

Meeting called to order at 6:11 by Bob

1. Reorganization

Also #9 New Members and Appointments to Committee

a. elect chair, vice chair, clerk:

Bob nominated as chair by Jeff, seconded by Jo

Geri nominated as vice chair by Jo, seconded by Matt

Julie nominated as secretary and treasurer by Jo, seconded by Geri

Jo, Alan, and Matt currently alternates, we will check in about making Matt a permanent member. TC is interested in finding more members to diversify.

All in favor of above nominations, slate of officers is elected.

b. Set meeting schedule:

Meeting schedule is set for second Thursday of each month at 6:00

2. Approve minutes

Motion made by Jo second by Jeff with adjustment/addendum of agenda item 1

3. Treasurer's report

No changes at this time. Will look into map payment.

4. Public participation

None at this time.

5. Discuss the HT&W process—next steps with Weston & Sampson

W&S intends to walk the trail next Thursday and Friday. They will make a plan and will come to May TC meeting to discuss recommendations. We are welcome to join next Thursday afternoon/evening to walk the trail with W&S. Bob will provide the time and TC members will attend. Will plan to meet at Wastewater treatment center. We will also invite liaison from GRH/Vermont Landtrust for input on amended license and invasive species.

Updates on amended license included using gravel/fill that is free of invasive species given by Bob.

An effort by TC will be made after the May meeting for continued public participation in HTW upgrades.

Additional HTW business: town budget fund being provided for Reardon bridge pedestrian ramp. No requirement for a handicap accessible trail but it may encourage folks to participate in the bridge and trail and TC supports the improved structure.

6. Discuss and award mowing contracts for 2022

Proposals Received: Saladino (new) and Peak (current)

Saladino \$12330, includes lots of heavy equipment and might be somewhat excessive based on scope of work needed

Peak estimate \$7290, Higher gas prices and hourly wages are causing increase in cost for 2022.

Last year Peak estimate, \$3980

TC would like to postpone awarding mowing bid to next month while we contact Saladino and Peak for more information (Peak - include all the trails to accurately reflect, Saladino - refine bid to better reflect scope of work).

#### 7. Trail maintenance priorities

Between now and May meeting we will use excel sheet to designate trails.

Jo discussed lisle hill and primitive trail conditions due to snowmobiles and logging. Stump Jumpers could come with an excavator and help with water bars and maintenance. Jo will contact Stump Jumpers and request a trail visit and upkeep.

Julie shared downtown trails and Mill/Shafter street to HTW connector have been cleaned but Beaver Brook needs new signage.

**Action Item:** Green up day would be a great time to have friends of the trails go out and clean up and inventory. We will ask Alan to reach out and request participation on green up day, and we could use a shared spreadsheet from Matt for friends of trails to update.

#### 8. Jake White Memorial

Jo has been speaking with James Walker. Possibility of renaming Haystack to reflect Jake White Memorial. Parking has been an issue at the trailhead in Chimney Hill. Long term vision is to have the town pave the road and use deed restrictions on vacant lots to create more of a visitor/welcome/parking area.

Kiosk is in good shape. Possibility of using backside of existing kiosk for Jake White memorial, and improving the front side by adding a new map which Jeff Nugent can help with. Next steps are to come up with design and present to the Chimney Hill board. We would need to source a printing company who can finish the design on a plexiglass/plastic surface that would hold up to the elements.

Will follow up on memorial and Trails Day launch for May meeting.

#### 10. Other business

We have reached out to Peak regarding the installation of fitness equipment. We will discuss at next meeting hopefully with info about the install timeline and cost.

Motion to adjourned made by Bob at 7:43, Jeff seconds all in favor. Meeting adjourned.