

Wilmington Trail Committee
Minutes for July 14, 2022

Members present: Geri Kogut, Vice Chair; Jeff Menges

Alternates present: Joanne Yankura, Alan Baker, Matt Danzico

Absent: Bob Fisher, Chair; Julie Koehler, Recorder; Alex Rioux, Treasurer, Jake Roberts

Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm by Geri Kogut.

Scheduled Agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes: Joanne made a motion to approve the minutes for June 9, 2022 with one correction: spelling of Weston & Sampson (Wetson in draft version). Alan seconded. All in favor.

2. Public participation: None

3. Financial Report: no one in attendance to provide report. After a discussion, it was decided to further address WTC accounting and role of treasurer at the August 11 meeting as an agenda item.

4. WTC 1% request: on SB agenda for July 19th. WTC must have a representative present. Jeff Menges agreed to attend.

Action: Jeff will contact Jessica to find out what is expected/required of attendee. Joanne will contact Jake Roberts at Peak Property to obtain a copy of the 2022 mowing contract as supportive documentation for the budgeted money being requested.

5. Trail conditions/next work bee:

- Primitive Trail and Lisle Hill Trail: the last work bee cleared all downed trees on both trails.
- Hogback, Ware Road, Raponda Ridge loop- Alan walked recently. No issues to report.
- Sheerer Hill trail may have some blowdowns and need some clearing-need to check with Bob
- Beaver Brook trail- invasive plants continue to encroach on and narrow trail path, despite mowing. Alan suggested placing stakes as markers for WTC and mowers to use as reference points in the future, in order to help maintain established path width. Geri raised a concern about the end of Beaver Brook that joins Main Street beside the Mobil Station and John Langran's property. The path is overgrown and there is now a dog kennel on the property very close to the path. Both factors make walking in that section uncomfortable. Reconfiguring the trail into a loop, which has been proposed in the past, was discussed along with possible recreation-oriented community activities.
Action: Matt will contact John Langran to obtain landowner input regarding the current situation and explore possibly adding a buffer, such as a hedge, fence or other barrier.
- Monument Trail: appears to be largely owned and maintained by the Town as part of the new Public Safety Buildings parcel, though there may be a very small section that connects with the St. Mary's In the Mountains parking lot. The original, temporary trail signs need replacing.
Action: Joanne will contact Scott Tucker or the Wilmington Town Garage crew for input on future trail/walking path maintenance responsibilities.
- Next work bee: Alan proposed walking and performing maintenance upkeep on the Valley Trail, in part to check on the trail reroute situation at Leinonen's property and assess for additional signage. As the date approaches, and depending on how many

people plan to attend, we will decide whether to divide up and start at either end or all start at one end with cars positioned in advance on the opposite end.

Action: Next Work Bee on **Thursday, August 28th at 5 pm on the Valley Trail**. Starting point TBD via email. Alan will send an email message inviting Friends of the Trails.

6. Other business: Matt presented the proposed design and layout for the two Haystack Mt. Trail kiosk panels. The first step is to obtain input from WTC members before sharing with other stakeholders.

Action: Alan will create a Google Drive spreadsheet with space for each member to provide feedback and suggestions regarding design, layout, wording/content, and other constructive input. Matt will email a link to the Dropbox PDF files for the design layout and a link to the Google Drive spreadsheet.

Motion made to adjourn by Alan. Matt seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Next Meeting:

August 11th @ 6 pm, Town Offices

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Yankura