

Wilmington Trail Committee Minutes for July 13, 2023
Members present: Bob Fisher, Chair; Joanne Yankura, Jeff Menges, Julie Koehler
Alternates present: Alan Baker, Matt Danzico
Others present: Carol Bois, John Mosher

Meeting called to order at 6:11pm

1) Public comments, changes to the agenda - None

2) Approve minutes from 6/8/23 - Jeff first, Joanne second, All in favor, none opposed

3) Financial report - passed over at this time, will provide for August meeting

4) Weston & Sampson permitting report with cost estimates; possible grant opportunity to cover ARA cost and other permits -

Trails is requesting information and documents available for potential November bids. Potential schedule shared by Doug:

Field work and archeological report completed by September. Wetland delineation field work and report completed by October, review could take an additional two months. Zoning and permitting, DRB meeting completed by September. Jan-March 2024 includes construction documents, bidding, and award.

Bob shared that per his meeting with Jessica Roberts, the plans we have thus far should be adequate for floodplain analysis and zoning permitting. Additionally, the parking area can be included in the zoning application and can be completed by TC; these items may not need to be covered by W&S.

Carol Bois posed a question of billing using time and materials vs lump sum billing. Doug will update and finalize the contract.

5) Finalize plans with John Mosher for trail-related Eagle Scout project

John Mosher shared a plan to add 6-12 simple benches on the Hoot Toot and Whistle. Specifically a few scenic and rest spaces were shared. A few ideas for bench security were suggested. John shared ideas for funding and fundraising. TC members recommended fewer benches (maybe 2-3) of higher quality. Additionally they suggested looking into different materials such as pressure treated wood or composite that may withstand the weather for a longer time.

Motion to approve the project in concept, pending final review made by Jeff, seconded by Joanne. John will return in August for 8/10 meeting to share final details.

6) Set date, time and plans for Jake White Memorial dedication at Haystack Mt. Trailhead

Family prefers Saturday morning, 9/30 at 9am. A few speakers will share stories in memoriam. Will advertise in DVN and town newsletter. Will consider a rain date or location.

A motion made to set 9/30 at 9am for Jake White memorial was made by Jeff, Joanne seconds. All in favor, none opposed.

7) Trail maintenance: prioritize work needed and discuss Jeremy White's list of concerns on the Valley Trail

Joanne followed up with Jeremy on concerns. All were addressed and resolved.

8) Schedule July work bee

Wednesday July 26th at 4:30pm - TC members will split between east and west ends to finish HTW spur connection

9) Ideas for new trails - postponed to next month

10) Old business: dog etiquette signs for HT&W; recruiting new members; obtaining/updating land owner permission

Jeff shared design for dog etiquette sign, and will obtain printing details.

Carol will be joining TC officially next week. Other new members: promoting in newspaper and town newsletter, Joanne is speaking with Chimney hill contacts, Matt shared ideas about posting flyers at the trails

Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm