

Wilmington Trail Committee
Minutes for August 10, 2023

Members present: Joanne Yankura, Julie Koehler, Jeff Menges, Carol Bois

Alternates present: Alan Baker

Absent: Bob Fisher, Chair; Matt Danzico

Public: John Mosher, Melanie Winters

Meeting called to order at 6:08 pm by Joanne Yankura

Scheduled Agenda:

1. Public comments and changes to the agenda: none

2. Approval of minutes from 7/13/2023: Carol moved to approve the minutes from 7/13/2023. Alan seconded; all in favor.

3. Financial Report: Mowing receipts as of 6/30 are close to \$3000. Initial contract was \$7800. Julie would like to receive copies of each mowing invoice to better track expenses.

Action: Joanne will email Jeremy White and ask that a copy of all invoices be sent to the WTC email (trails@sjpc.org).

4. Final bench plans for John Mosher's Eagle Scout project: John distributed a handout with photos and descriptions of three candidate bench designs, discussed material options and limitations, and offered two methods for securing the bench from theft. After some discussion of pros and cons of each option, all agreed on the first design with a 5-6 foot wide bench seat of pressure treated wood. Two benches will be built and located by the trail kiosk on the far side of Reardon's Bridge. Next, John will work on funding and then building his project with a target completion by the end of September.

Action: John will contact Bob Fisher when the benches are completed and ready for installation.

5. Permitting for HT&W project: The addended contract with W&S was signed by Scott Tucker on 7/28 and receipt confirmed by Doug Gerber with promise to move forward with Hartgen and Arrowwood. DRB Zoning application is completed and was sent to Matt Cole for signatures from Great River Hydro. Jessica Roberts tentatively scheduled a DRB Hearing on September 18th. The DRB application must be forwarded to John-Broker Campbell, Floodplain Manager, ANR for a 30 day review and comment period. A Driveway Access Construction permit still needs to be filed.

Action: Await signatures from GRH and continue with DRB hearing if possible.

6. Jake White Memorial Haystack kiosk dedication: Joanne reported that James Walker has been out of the office and not responded to the query regarding use of the CHOA Club House in case of inclement weather.

Action: Joanne will follow up on availability of Club House and ask whether CHOA representative wishes to speak at the dedication. Public and individual announcements will begin once those final details are known.

7. Possibly approve draft Resolution document describing WTC "charge": Joanne presented the draft copy created by Scott Tucker and edited by her and Alan. One paragraph contained dates that may be inaccurate and are difficult to verify. Additional edits were made to increase the historical accuracy. Alan moved to approve the Resolution with agreed upon edits and with final approval from Scott Tucker. Carol seconded. All in favor.

Action: Joanne will send the agreed upon draft with additional edits to Scott Tucker for ultimate referral to and approval from the Selectboard.

8. Schedule August work bee: The proposed parking lot off Fairview Avenue has been flagged. Bob suggested Jeremy could mow the lot and Joanne obtained an estimate of 1 hour (\$130). More weed

whacking and tree cutting is needed and the entire proposed trail section should be re-flagged. A section of the Primitive Trail is very overgrown and needs work. Jeremy asked if WTC wanted him to clear that trail section? Jeff proposed scheduling two work bees in August. After discussion, it was decided to schedule two work bees.

Action: The first work bee will meet on Thursday, August 17th at 4:30 pm to complete work on the HT&W project off Fairview Avenue. Jeremy will be asked to mow the flagged parking area. The second work bee will be held on Thursday, August 24th at 10 am to work on the Primitive Trail. Meet up is at 26 Blueberry Hill Drive. Joanne will send out announcements for the work bees and invite Friends of Wilmington Trails to the Primitive Trail work bee.

9. Dog etiquette sign project and recruiting new members: Jeff will work on an additional dog etiquette sign design to present at the next meeting. Alan and Joanne worked on a WTC member and "Friends" description that was submitted to James Walker for publication in the CHOA newsletter along with a recruitment announcement. Carol offered to contact other homeowner association groups regarding potential member recruits and/or attend one of their meetings to promote volunteering for WTC. Other ideas included: adding a "how to volunteer" section to the WTC website, hosting regular trail hikes for the public to show the variety and increase familiarity with town trail options, and place recruiting flyers on trees along some of the trails.

Action: Carol will report back regarding association contacts. Alan will upload the member and Friends description to the Google Drive for all to access, and Jeff will work on an a recruitment article or announcement to possibly submit to DVN.

Carol moved to adjourn. Alan seconded. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Next Meeting:
September 14 @ 6 pm, Town Offices

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Yankura