

Wilmington Trail Committee  
Minutes for November 9, 2023

Members present: Bob Fisher, Chair; Joanne Yankura, Jeff Menges, Carol Bois  
Alternates present: Alan Baker  
Absent: Julie Koehler, Matt Danzico

Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm by Bob Fisher

Scheduled Agenda:

1. Changes to the agenda: none
2. Public comments: none
3. Approval of minutes from 10/12/2023: Joanne moved to approve the minutes from. Jeff seconded; all in favor.
4. Financial Report: deferred
5. HT&W project updates: The VOREC grant application deadline is 12/15. Doug Gerber set up a Teams meeting on 11/10 @ 1 pm to review information requested by Joanne and Gretchen that is needed to complete the grant application. Bob reported on the HT&W site visit he attended on 10/31 with Rebecca Chalmers from ANR and Dori Barton from Arrowwood Environmental to review the wetlands delineation map. Bob explained the rules regarding permit costs relative to the square footage of wetlands included in the project area. Dori needs to get the permit cost estimate to Doug Gerber soon so the figure can be included in the W&S updated project budget for the grant.

\*At this point, WTC no longer had a quorum. Moving forward, the meeting was limited to discussion only; no official business was conducted.

6. Signage: current Wilmington Trails trailhead sign information was reviewed and compared with the simple, short list printed on the WTC map. Discussion centered on determining a uniform, short etiquette list that would be used consistently on all trail signs and on the trail map. Once a list is finalized, Jeff will start working on the signage design. Adding trailhead signs to formally close certain trailheads during hunting season, especially the Primitive Trail, was discussed. Other potential places to raise awareness about hunting season include the Town website and the Chamber office. Carol offered to email Scott Tucker and ask if the Town could officially close the Primitive Trail this year for hunting (since no vote could be taken on the matter).
7. Mowing bid discussion from October meeting: Joanne related that Jeff Nugent is willing and able to help create a mowing map with detailed information to be used for requesting mowing bids each year. Jeff suggested steps WTC could take to obtain the information needed to create a useful, detailed map. Requesting bids earlier has advantages for both contractors and WTC. Further discussion focused on how to make the request for bids more specific, until a map can be generated, so that contractors understand the work involved on each trail when they calculate a bid.
8. Prioritize trail work and schedule next work bee: Jeff shared photos of the 3rd bridge on the HT&W trail at the Mill Street entrance and discussed the underlying cause(s) contributing to

the failing bridge support system on one corner. Possible remedies were discussed. Jeff estimates that the task will require many volunteers, some specialized equipment and likely take an entire day to complete. Given the date, work will need to be postponed until next spring. Joanne contacted the Evans regarding the failing bridge on the Primitive Trail located on their property. Nick Evans offered to discuss repair options under consideration with WTC next spring and prefers a simple remedy. Jessica was contacted and asked for a copy of the Town Liability Waiver mentioned by Jeremy White that could be used when non-WTC individuals perform trail work outside of WTC work bees. Jessica wasn't familiar with the form and will ask Scott Tucker for information.

The meeting concluded at 7:47 pm.

Next Meeting:  
December 14 @ 6 pm, Town Offices

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanne Yankura