

Resolution of the Selectboard of the Town of Wilmington

Creating the Town of Wilmington Trail Committee

WHEREAS, under the authority granted to it pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Section 872, the Town of Wilmington Selectboard has authority to create supplemental committees, boards, or commissions.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Selectboard that there shall be established with an official resolution for the Town of Wilmington, effective August 15, 2023, a Trail Committee. The trail concept began on or about February 1999. Town officials and community members worked together on a comprehensive downtown trail and gateway project. The project history and plans are documented in the 2007 "Wilmington Trail Feasibility and Scoping Report." The report initially refers to the trail committee as the Hoot, Toot and Whistle (HT&W) Screening Committee and then as the HT&W Trail Committee. Reflecting its broader scope of activity, the name finally changed to Wilmington Trail Committee with the following terms:

1. The Wilmington Trail Committee will be comprised of not more than seven (7) permanent members and not more than four (4) alternate members. All prospective members shall be recommended by the Trail Committee and/or vetted by the Town Manager, and appointed by the Selectboard of the Town of Wilmington. All terms shall be for 4 years beginning on April 1st.
2. The purpose of the Wilmington Trail Committee shall be to:
 - A. Work in cooperation with the Office of Town Manager and Selectboard.
 - B. Work with the town Economic Development Consultant to identify potential grants, expertise and funding sources in support of construction/repair for community trails.
 - C. Recommend to the Selectboard through the annual budgetary process or requests of alternative funding (i.e., 1% LOT), in support of maintenance, repair and construction of community trails.
 - D. Perform routine maintenance and work to develop trails.
 - E. Hold public meetings and report to the Town Manager and Selectboard, as required.
 - F. Enthusiastically promote and market community trails systems!
3. Officers of the Wilmington Trail Committee will consist of a chairperson, vice-chairperson and a secretary either selected annually by a majority vote of the committee or appointed by the Selectboard at their discretion.
4. It will be the duty of the chairperson to preside at all meetings of the Wilmington Trail Committee, to call special meetings of the Committee when needed, and prepare meeting agendas. The vice-chairperson will perform the duties of the chairperson in the latter's

absence. The secretary will keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the committee, take minutes at the meetings, and post the agenda and minutes of meetings through the Office of the Town Manager.

5. All meetings held by the Wilmington Trail Committee will be open to the public unless an issue arises that requires an executive session. Regular meetings will generally be held each month. The meeting times and locations will be posted through the Office of Town Manager, no later than a 48-hour notice. A quorum will not be less than a majority (4-members) of the permanent Trail Committee seats; alternates in attendance may be counted to meet a quorum.

Dated at Wilmington, Vermont this 15th day of August 2023.

Selectboard Signatures:

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John Gannon 

Vince Rice 

Sarah Fisher 

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