

**Wilmington Trail Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 13 at 6 pm**  
**Town Hall Meeting Room**

Members present: Carol Bois, Elynn Lebron, Bob Fisher, Joanne Yankura, & Jeff Menges  
Absent: Julie Koehler, Alan Baker

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm

**AGENDA**

1. **Changes to the agenda:** Add discussion on Bee the Change and a vote on if we should renew our membership to the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council
2. **Public Comments:** None
3. **Knotweed discussion:** Scott Smyers a Professional Biologist, licensed herbicide in VT and MA joined the meeting to discuss Knotweed.

The best time to apply a herbicide to the knotweed by Beaver Brook is middle to late summer when the water is low on a sunny day and after that it is safe to pets and people. The herbicide will be dry in 20 minutes as The knotweed is overhanging the water, so we'll want to use aquatic safe/water soluble herbicide. Will need a 5 year plan for treating the knotweed, but it will come back less each year. May not be able to fully eradicate it. Scott can do the work and help with getting the permit. Rough estimate on cost is \$750 plus time to write reports and create permit app. *Action Items:* Carol to talk with Marshall Dix regarding the town's approach to Knotweed.

4. **Approve minutes from 1/9/2025 meeting:** Motion to approve made by Joanne, seconded by Carol as amended. Approved by all.
  - a. Amendment: Add Christine Richter's last name and title, Town Treasurer
5. **Financial Report** – \$14,904.21 balance from the 1% after subtracting the W&W invoice for \$28 and Mowing advertisement for \$68. Also have the \$100k in the Capital Fund earmarked for HT&W. All donations sent to the town earmarked for WTC also goes into the Capital Fund. Motion to approve the financial report was made by Joanne, seconded by Jeff. Approved by all.
6. **Mowing Contract for 2025** – Received 2 bids. *Action item:* Bob to follow up with Jeremy White for a formal proposal, see if Joe Saladino is interested in making a proposal this year also and circulate details prior to the next meeting.
7. **Fundraising** – Discussed pros and cons of using a charitable platform vs LexisNexis as well as concerns with using the default "Platform Tip" to keep the charitable platforms free causing numerous negative reviews. A motion was made to use a charitable platform with the Platform Tip suppressed was made by Jeff and, seconded by Joanne. Approved by all.

Action Items: Elynn to follow up with Christine Richter, Town Treasurer on doing a test with GiveButter or Donorbox.

8. **HT&W project updates** – RTP Grant application was submitted. Concerned with freeze on federal grants. Additional grant opportunities are limited, so need to start fundraising efforts. Need to get Weston Sampson's contract for construction observation revised for WTC to review so that Scott Tucker, town manager can sign the contract. *Action Item:* Carol to contact Dan Biggs about revising and sending an updated W&S contract.
9. **Vermont Trails and Greenways Council** – Have participated in the past and is a good advocate for trails in the state and education. Bob made a motion to join, seconded by Elynn, Approved by all. *Action item:* Joanne to follow up with Jessica DeFrancesco, Town Administrative Assistant on filling out a membership application sending a check.
10. **Bee the Change** – An organization that is looking to put a large pollinator garden of native plants in each town. Founder is speaking at Chimney Hill Association meeting at 9:30am on Saturday 2/15. *Action Item:* Carol to join meeting and give an update at the next WTC meeting.
11. **Trail work priorities** – Revisit next month, no changes from last month's priorities.

The meeting concluded at 7:26pm.

Next meeting: March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Town Offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Elynn Lebron