

**Wilmington Trail Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 10 at 6 pm
Town Hall Meeting Room**

Members present: Joanne Yankura, Jeff Menges, Carol Bois, Elynn Lebron, Alan Baker

Absent: Bob Fisher

Meeting called to order at 6:04pm.

AGENDA

1. **Changes to the agenda:**
 - a. Reorganize WTC – would like to wait till the next meeting with Bob in attendance
 - b. National Trails Day
2. **Public Comments:** None
3. **Approve minutes from 3/13/2025 meeting:** Elynn made a motion to approve the minutes. Carol seconded. All in favor.
4. **Financial Report:** Deferring to next meeting, believe little or no changes.
5. **HT&W Project Updates:** Awarded the full RTP grant of \$50k, but it will come out of a surplus of state funds, requiring a second grant agreement amendment. We also expect the money will be available in the next few weeks. Meeting to kick-off the project April 24 at 9:30am at Town Offices. Carol and Joanne, and possibly Bob, will attend from WTC. A site visit with W&S and Joe Saladino will follow to possibly stake out the project. Joe's contract is still outstanding, but this gives us the opportunity to include segment 5 now covered in the new grant. Joanne also reached out to Jeff Nugent at WRC and Sharon Plum at VTCG for feedback on how to make the new section that connects the new parking lot to the trail as accessible as possible before it is started. Adam Buursma will be planting the vegetative privacy screen. Need to finalize the contract with him also. Not expecting any more VOREC grants this year, so will need to rely on fundraising to complete the remaining sections. Need approximately \$153k for remaining sections. **Action:** Joanne will follow up with Gretchen Havreluk on outstanding contracts noted above.
6. **HT&W Fundraising:** John Lebron confirmed with Scott Tucker and Christine Richter that the Town wants WTC to leverage LexisNexis for fundraising efforts. Reviewed pros and cons of LexisNexis vs Donorbox. Unanimously voted that we want to move forward with a tool like Donorbox and will present our pros and cons to Scott, Christine and John in a separate meeting. Reviewed Fundraising flyer Carol and Jeff worked on. Suggestions: move some text from the flyer to the email, reduce words on the flyer and add bullets on key HT&W improvements planned. **Action:** John to coordinate meeting with Scott and Christine for Joanne and Elynn to present WTC pros and cons of fundraising platform.
7. **Green Up Day** – is Saturday May 3rd - usually hand out green bags at Buzzy Towne Park. Can clean up before 5/3, but hold off on putting out bags for collection till that weekend. If

you have larger items or green bags and are not located on a main road, you can let Joanne or Kathy Larson know so the information can be relayed to the Highway Department so they will pick them up. **Action:** Joanne to provide Green bags for anyone that wants them ahead of time.

8. **Recreation Commission Community Project** – trying to get people to give preferences on how to leverage Buzzy Towne Park. Our input would be appreciated. The questionnaire is still open. Joanne gave them background on WTC involvement in Buzzy Towne Park.
Action: Everyone complete this survey
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd_sBIHqrJk6siLEFIHaUKy1hDxy9TC16VmECNqskrNVHMotQ/viewform
9. **Trail work priorities & work bee:** With the HT&W kick-off meeting scheduled for 4/24, decided to have each member select a trail or two between now and 5/8 to walk on their own or with a partner. **Action:** Everyone to sign up for a trail in the spreadsheet – except HT&W – do basic clean up on that trail and note larger efforts required and location in the spreadsheet for future trail clean ups.
10. **National Trails Day** – is June 7th – discussed leveraging this to promote the trails with a hike and formally kick off our fundraising campaign. Won't be able to use HT&W trail as work will be well underway. Decided to determine best trail to use for this based on our work bee walks at the next meeting.
11. **Comments:** Jeff noted that the HT&W trail Kiosk is on the ground. **Action:** Joanne to talk to Marshall Dix about moving the kiosk to the garage and see if it is salvageable.

There being no further discussion, Elynn made a motion to adjourn. Carol seconded.

The meeting concluded at 7:37 pm.

Next meeting: May 8th at 6pm at the Town Offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Elynn Lebron