

**Wilmington Trails Committee**  
**Minutes from Thursday, May 8 at 6 pm**  
**Town Hall Meeting Room**

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

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm

1. **Changes to the agenda:** Wildlife Festival table
2. **Public Comments:** None
3. **Re-organization:** Elect chair, vice chair, clerk and agree to meeting date and time.
  - a. *Nominations:* Bob wants to step down, proposed Carol for Chair, Joanne for Vice Chair and Elynn for Clerk . No other nominations - All approved
  - b. *Meeting date and time:* Keep 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, but move up the start time to 5:30.
4. **Approve minutes** from 4/10/2025: No changes. Alan made a motion to approve, Jeff seconded. All in favor.
5. **Financial Report:** No new invoices from Jessica. Spent approximately \$560, so the balance is around 14,440. Invoice from W&S for \$2,047 which is in line with the budget. Gretchen will handle it as it is coming out of the Grant.
6. **HT&W project updates:** Need to update the Selectboard on where we are with the project. April 24<sup>th</sup> kick off meeting and site visit was very productive. Identified some areas that need more work and one boardwalk that isn't needed. *Additional work needed:* 1) Root and Stump Removal (\$1,640) 2) New Bridge Construction (\$32,000) 3) Additional Bridge Length (\$4571.42) 4) Aggregate Fill Improvement Area (\$5,740) OR Additional Boardwalk Installation (\$18,028) Decided to go with Aggregate Fill due to Boardwalk cost. Joe Saladino to provide info on savings from not doing that boardwalk, expect it will cover the additional work identified. Joe has not signed his contract yet, but just got it last week. Expect him to start on the work in late May/early June. Had some trouble sourcing the hemlock needed for the stairs, bridges and boardwalk, but has found a source. Joe recommended WTC apply something to better preserve the hemlock. The only option identified was Linseed Oil due to environmental concerns. Nicole Szendy at the end of Mill Street, reached

out because people have been parking all over. Have budget to put up a sign. **Action Items:** Joanne to confirm with Joe if applying Linseed oil to the hemlock would make a significant difference in preservation of the wood. If it is will, we'll plan time for the WTC to do so before construction begins. Joanne to follow up with new landowner on FPR permission slip if we don't receive a response in the next week. Alan and Jeff to put information on construction and timeline on our webpage and Facebook. Joanne to get in touch with Nicole and Marshall Dix to work out a plan.

7. **HT&W Fundraising plans** – moving forward with test of Donorbox. **Action Items:** Elynn to meet with Christine next Thursday to complete set up and send WTC text for review.
8. **VLCT Open Meeting Law updates** – We are an advisory board to the Selectboard. We are a committee of 6, so our quorum is 4. Can't have discussions with 4 or more committee members outside a meeting. Agenda modifications should be minimized. Chair sets the agenda. Need to submit the agenda to Jessica DeFrancesco a week before our meeting. Suggestion to add more general agenda item like Other Business. Don't have to have a physical location for meetings, OK to do completely via Zoom On Zoom must announce your name.
9. **National Trails Day observation:** National Trails Day is June 7<sup>th</sup> Rec Commission is interested in doing a joint activity in Buzzy Town park. Only Joanne and Carol are available that day to participate, so a joint event would be best.
10. **Workbee plans/priorities** – Individual workbees covered: Shearer Hill, Lisle Hill, Raponda Ridge and the Primitive Trail. Need some more work with on the Primitive trail, prioritized for next Workbee as Joanne noted downed trees and signs and a bridge that will likely need some repairs. Marshal retrieved the HT&W Kiosk. HT&W over the Reardon Bridge and right past the kiosk is getting wetter there, should do something about on one of our Workbees. **Action Item:** Joanne and Elynn to work on water bars 5/13. Bob to talk with Marshall regarding the HT&W Kiosk. WTC – Workbee at Primitive Trail on 5/22 at 4:30 on the West Lake side. Elynn and Carol to follow up on anything outstanding on 5/29 since they can't make it on the 22<sup>nd</sup>
11. **Wildlife Festival:** Discuss having a table at the Wildlife Festival at Mount Snow on Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup> from 10-4 Everyone thought it was beneficial and can commit to a few hours. Discussed ordering matching WTC shirts to wear at the event. **Action Items:** Jeff to talk to Mike about setting up a table and work on some designs for the shirts.

Bob made a motion to adjourn, Joanne seconded. All in favor.

The meeting concluded at 7:46

Next meeting June 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30

Respectfully submitted,

Elynn Lebron