

Wilmington Trail Committee
Minutes from Thursday, June 12 at 5:30 pm
Town Hall Meeting Room

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

Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm`

1. **Changes to the agenda:** None
2. **Public Comments:** None
3. **Approve minutes** from 5/8/2025: No changes. Joanne made a motion to approve. Bob seconded. All in favor.
4. **Financial Report:** Balance of \$14k. WW invoice of \$237.27 for seed and hay. The first Weston Sampson invoice came in, requested they add Gretchen going forward – \$2,730 construction support to get the project underway
5. **HT&W project updates:** New landowner with property along the trail signed off on FPR permission slip. Waiting on official project start date from Joe Saladino. Randy Schoonmaker agreed to allow us to use the Moover lot as a project staging area with some additional liability insurance in case there is any damage. Joanne is still researching an appropriate preservative to apply to the Timber Stairs, since they will be made of fresh hemlock it may not take anything. We may have to go back and apply something like Linseed Oil a year later to help preserve the stairs. Dan, Carol and Jo working on signs for the HT&W project. There will be Trail closed signs at all entrances with QR code to the page on the Wilmington Town site that Alan created and other informational signs in town. Joanne requested a \$10k donation from Great River Hydro on behalf of WTC. **Action Items:** Joanne to follow up with ANR on approved product to apply to the hemlock stairs. Carol to contact Taylor Wilkins at Dover Sign Shop for cost estimate on the project signs. Alan to update HT&W page with project details.
6. **HT&W Fundraising plans** – Have raised \$785 with new Donorbox fundraising page including a \$500 donation from the Mountain View Association. Want to start putting flyers in the local emails like Wilmington weekly, Wilmington Works, and SVDV Chamber of Commerce – as well as local papers. Working on appeal letter to send out as well as a press release regarding trail closure. **Action Items:** Joanne to

finalize plans for the appeal letter. Carol to finalize the press release. Elynn to create the Flyers.

7. **Work bee plans/priorities** – Joanne and Elynn dug waterbars and put down grass seed and hay on the Lisle Hill Trail. Joanne applied seed and hay to the Valley Trail near the solar panels too. Julie mowed behind Gus Metcalf's property because she didn't know we altered the route, so we need to look at signs there. Jeremy White is going to work on ramps there so Julie can onto the bridge with DR mower. Next priority for WTC is to work on the Primitive Trail, there are some down trees on the path from West Lake and we need to cut back the evergreens. Sheerer Hill trail also needs some work cutting back. **Action Items:** Alan to own communication for the next Work bee – scheduled for Tuesday 6/24 at 10am with 6/26 if delayed due to rain.

8. **Other Business:**

- a. Conference at Killington for the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council we'd like to have someone attend.
 - b. Volunteer Code of Conduct: Carol to follow up with Scott Tucker regarding health and safety for Work bee volunteers.
 - c. Storage for WTC: Joanne to follow up on storage, for things like seed, signs, nails, maps, etc. so that we don't lose things when committee members leave. Shed located beside old Firehouse has been offered and likely shared with the Beautification committee, but also looking at some shelf space in the old Firehouse. Will need to purchase a container of sorts to keep animals out of stored seed.
 - d. Vermont Natural History Museum – Planning an event at Memorial Hall on July 19th from 4:30-6. May want to set up a table for the Wilmington Trails too. Can decide at our next meeting.
 - e. Wildlife Festival: Carol to confirm Mike knows we are interested in a table at the event. Action Item: Elynn to design shirts with our logo on them for the event – ideally Forest Green – will want these for the event at Memorial Hall if we sponsor a table.
 - f. HT&W Kiosk – **Action Items:** Bob to talk with Marshall regarding the HT&W Kiosk to see if he can fix it like we did the Valley Trail Kiosk.
9. Joanne made a motion to adjourn. Carol seconded. All in favor.

The meeting concluded at 6:30

Next meeting July 10th at 5:30

Respectfully submitted,

Elynn Lebron