

Wilmington Trail Committee
Minutes from Thursday, July 10 at 5:30 pm
Economic Development Office

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

Meeting called to order at 5:37 pm`

1. **Changes to the agenda:** None
2. **Public Comments:** Consider having people or local businesses adopt a trail.
3. **Approve minutes** from 6/12/2025: No changes. Joanne made a motion to approve. Elynn seconded. All in favor.
4. **Financial Report:** Nothing has changed since last time. Keeping HT&W invoices separately.
5. **HT&W project updates:** Starting next week and putting up closing signs. Lumber/hemlock to arrive 7/21. **Action Items:** Joanne to check with Gretchen and Joe to review placement of signs and see if we can leave the rocks area open and apply linseed oil to the hemlock before it is used.
6. **HT&W Fundraising plans** – Have a spreadsheet to track who sent flyers to which publications, currently running in the Wilmington Weekly, Chamber of commerce and Wilmington Works. Also included a link to fund raising page in the announcement in the paper. Planning mailing to solicit donations – outsourcing looks expensive, so considering doing it ourselves. **Action Items:** Joanne and Elynn to finalize plans for the appeal letter, see if we can leverage town printers for mailings and how to gather information for thank you notes. Carol to post on Instagram info on HT&W and link to fundraising page. Jeff to post on Facebook page. Alan to post on Front Porch Forum. Elynn and Jeff to work on signs to put at all the trail heads with QR Code for fundraising. Elynn to add a link to report trail issues on the donation page.
7. **Work bee plans/priorities** - Finished work on Primitive Trail. Priorities: put up Trail Head Signs and remove down trees reported by Jeremy on Lisle Hill, Valley Trail (between Solar panels to Wilmington Inn) and Sheerer Hill trail (was not able to mow around the one at the top) **Action Items:** Stephen to take Valley Trail, Joanne to take

Lisle Hill and next Work bee to be Sheerer Hill. Carol to contact Tanya Petal and Ivy about moving the trails. Elynn to own communication for the next Work bee – scheduled for Tuesday 7/24 at 8am with 7/25 if delayed due to rain.

8. **Health and Safety:** Town has liability coverage through VLCT. Town must manage this risk with protective equipment and training. Possibly piggyback on Marshall Dix highway department training or Game of Logging training. Put together a one pager like: safety glasses, close toed shoes, tick protection, work with a buddy and carry a phone.

9. **Other Business:**

- a. Wildlife festival at Mount Snow – **Action Items:** Elynn ording tshirts so we have them by the Wildlife Festival. Carol to confirm Mike knows we are interested in a table at the Wildlife festival.
- b. Signs: **Action Item:** Jeff to put signs in the office so people can put up if they are going to a trailhead.
- c. Storage for WTC: **Action Item:** Joanne to follow up on when the shed will be available for storage
- d. Vermont Natural History Museum – Planning an event at Memorial Hall on July 19th from 4:30-6. **Action Items** Carol to follow up with having a table and printing another project map with QR code for donations.
- e. 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.

Next meeting is Thursday August 14th.

Joanne made a motion to adjourn at 7:05. Jeff seconded. All in favor.

Next meeting July 10th at 5:30

Respectfully submitted,

Elynn Lebron