

Wilmington Trail Committee
Thursday, March 12, 2026 - 5:30 PM
Town Hall Meeting Room

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

Absent: Alan Baker

Others present: Jerry Mosher, John Mosher, Melanie Winters, Daltyn Hurley

Meeting was called to order at 5:32pm

1. **Changes to the agenda:** None
2. **Public Comments:** None
3. **Approve minutes** from 2/12/2026 – Joanne made a motion to approve, Carol seconded, all in favor – Bob abstained since he was not present for that meeting.
4. **Eagle Scout Project Update** - Daltyn Hurley created mockups for 2 plaques to put up on the Hoot, Toot & Whistle Trail: one on Bald Eagles and the other on local fish. May create additional signs depending on cost. Need to determine the best location(s) for the signs and material so they last. WTC to review final text and design before creating. He has until December to complete his project.
5. **Mowing Request for Proposals (RFP) for 2026:** Only received one bid from White Acre Farm for \$9,274. It was a day late, but since there were no others, it is OK to still consider. Discussed going out with the Whites the first time they mow to make sure they are not doing more areas than specified as the bid cost was up close to \$1k from last, e.g., the alternate trail to the right of the new timber steps that traverses wetlands. Bob made a motion to accept the bid, Joanne seconded, all in favor.
6. **Financial Report:** Carol and Joanne are scheduled to appear in front of the Selectboard on 3/17 to ask for money from the 1% Fund for the WTC's 2026-2027 budget. Discussions with Town Manager Scott Tucker determined that it would be best to include some money in our budget for safety training. Elynn made a motion to add \$1k to the existing request of \$18,000 from the 1% fund for safety training for the coming year, Bob seconded, all in favor.
7. **Hoot, Toot & Whistle (HTW) update:** Between the online donations and donation from Great River Hydro, we have enough funds to complete the parking area. Will also apply for Rotary Club grant for their May 31st review cycle to cover the cost of a new kiosk in the new parking area, Joanne will need input from the group to complete the application. The group agreed that obtaining quotes to build a replica of the existing kiosks with plexiglass is a better choice so that trail information can be updated easily. Carol will explore the possibility of a future donation from Hermitage Club. DEC needs notification from WTC as to when trail conditions will allow a follow up inspection of the oil spill detected during winter.
8. **Work Bee plans/priorities** – Green up day is May 2nd. Will advertise a hike on the Primitive Trail for the last weekend in April (April 26, pending weather) in the Raponda Foundation newsletter. A collapsed culvert just beyond the Raponda Ridge trailhead

was flagged with poles and caution signs to keep users safe. Carol notified the landowners about the culvert condition and need for replacement. Other work bee tasks will wait until spring.

9. **Health & Safety** – nothing new to report

10. New Business:

- Keep eBikes on future agendas to monitor their use and impact on the trails, especially the HT&W trail.
- Annual Report – Worked hard on summary, but missed submission deadline. The report can be viewed as a PDF on the Trail Committee website.
<https://wilmingtonvermont.us/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Trail-Committee-2025-11-26-Annual-Report.pdf>

Action Items:

Jeff: DVN advertisement to attract new members

Elynn: Work on mailing for remaining postcards, write article for Raponda Foundation newsletter, update email newsletter ads and local paper.

Elynn & Joanne: Meet with Christine Richter in April to get a better process in place to report offline fundraising efforts going forward and total amount donated to date.

Joanne: Obtain estimates for building a replica kiosk with plexiglass. Submit grant application to the Rotary Club to cover the cost of a kiosk at the new parking lot.

Carol: Reach out to the Hermitage and ask them directly for a donation

Carol made a motion to adjourn at 6:37pm. Jeff seconded. All in favor.

Next Meeting: April 9th at 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Elynn Lebron