

Wilmington Trail Committee
Thursday, August 13, 2026 - 5:30 PM
Town Hall Meeting Room

Members present: Carol Bois, Elynn Lebron, Joanne Yankura, Steven Burnley, and Jeff Menges

Absent: Bob Fisher

Others present: Daltyn Hurley and Melanie Winters

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm

1. Changes to the agenda: MOOver facilities parking
2. Public Comments: Meeting notice to the Brattleboro Reformer said the WTC meeting started at 6 instead of 5:30 -
3. Approve minutes from 6/11/2026: Carol made some administrative/nonmaterial changes. Joanne made a motion to approve, Carol seconded, all in favor.
4. Eagle Scout Project update - Daltyn Hurley: Provided link to updated designs. Still needs to find someone to create the signs and fundraise. Would like to get the project completed in September. WTC Comments: Need to make sure we have rights to use the Harriman Reservoir image and see if we can get a clearer image from Great River Hydro. Contrast for the Green slide should be more, brighten the green so the black text reads better. WTC has used Dover Sign Shop. They may be a good starting point for Daltyn to find out where to print signs.
5. MOOver facilities parking – Joanne met with Erin Lackey (MOOver operations manager) who noted they have issues with people parking in front of the red shed where they store equipment, so they can't access till the people finish their hike. They don't want to put too many signs up. Suggestions: put a sign noting something like *Trail parking in North Lot Only*. Temporary signs to change behavior like the ones put up at the Beach at Lake Raponda.
6. Mowing - Valley Trail bridge W-12 temporary repairs completed by Stump Jumpers; they plan to do a full rebuild in 2027 on that bridge.
7. Financial Report
 - Will circulate updated financial report next meeting.
 - Donations: Mountainview Association gave \$500 and Lake Raponda Association is donating \$200
7. Hoot, Toot & Whistle (HTW) update
 - Targeting September 21 DRB hearing for a new permit (project permit expires 9/28/2026); new application must be submitted by August 31
 - Gretchen has requested updated estimates from Saladino Property Maintenance to complete work on HT&W (including estimates on the closed muddy section near mid-point)
 - Highway 59 – is controlled by the town and Selectboard

- Rails to Trails grant – Gretchen will be the point person to apply for the grant in fall.
 - Hermitage – Carol still trying to connect with them
8. Health & Safety - Game of Logging training completed by Jeff. Steven is looking to sign up for one of the next available training sessions.
 9. Confirmed Action items from May and June were complete.
 10. Update on Town Plan information - final draft is available and includes long-term goals for WTC in document.
 11. Miscellaneous
 - Access Agreement Form – Carol recommended updates and had Bob review. Discussed creating 2 versions, one for existing trails with new property owners and one that would address building new trails. For now, we only need one version for existing trails. Carol made a motion to accept the agreement as discussed, Joanne seconded and all in favor.
 - Technology - key person for website updating, email monitoring, google groups, etc. has all been transitioned from Alan to Elynn
 - Mapping - Jeff Nugent (our mapping/GIS contact at Windham Regional Commission). We may want to plan a meeting with Jeff in October to discuss improving our maps.
 - Smartphone-based Apps for Trail Planning, Mapping, and Maintenance Workshop – Steven tested some of the apps recommended and signed up for Gaia GPS to collect trail data like noting downed trees on his hike. CalTopo had more editing features for drawing and editing maps.
 12. New Business
 - Vermont Museum of Natural History - Wildlife festival on Sept 20 - need to confirm have enough coverage to participate. Joanne and Jeff can go, but Carol, Steven, and Elynn can't. Elynn to coordinate.
 - Next meeting is Thursday, September 10th Carol will not be here, so Joane will chair.
 - Signs: Need to finalize plans to recognize Great River Hydro and Deerfield Valley Rotary Club of Deerfield Valley for their donations, Wilmington Trails wood sign for new Kiosk, "Stairs vs. Mill Street" at HTW trail to indicate more accessible way to downtown, meshing new trailhead signs with existing signage with trail names.
 - Deerfield Vally Pilgrimage goes up the Valley trail in September 26-27 – need to clean up signs prior.
 13. Work Bee plans/priorities – Survey gathered more interest, will do it again for September workbee. Possible dates: Sept 12th, 16th and 27th

Motion to adjourn made by Elynn at 7:01pm Joanne seconded, all in favor.

Action Items:

Carol: contact Hermitage, Introduce Katelyn Krumperman of GRH to Daltyn

Carol & Joanne: DRB permit application with John Lebron

Joanne: follow up with newspaper to get the time of our meeting corrected, discuss suggestions with Erin for MOOver parking area.

Joanne and Jeff: Trail signs

Elynn: Wildlife festival coordination and workbee communications

Steven: Reach out to Jeff Nugent to discuss improving trail maps