

Wilmington Trail Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 8, 2026 at 5:30 pm @ Town Hall

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

Absent: Bob Fisher and Jeff Menges

Others present: Daltyn Hurley, Melanie Winters, Stacey Skwirut and Robert Hickey

Meeting was called to order at 5:33pm

1. Changes to the agenda: BioBlitz request from Laura Joyce (Youth Librarian)

2. Public Comments: None

3. Approve minutes from 9/10/2026 – Joanne motioned to approve, Carol seconded.
Approved by all.

4. Eagle Scout Project Update from Daltyn Hurley – Completed final draft of the proposed plaques for the Hoot, Toot & Whistle (HTW) trail. He will send us PDF of mockups. Dalton is still gathering cost estimates – initial estimate was \$300/sign for ¼ inch PVC. WTC would like to see them spread out along the trail. Dalton may plan a time to walk the trail and finalize spots on the rails and/or on posts; members expressed an interest in doing this walk with Dalton to choose locations. Joanne made a motion to approve the 4 trail plaques with the text, colors and pictures as presented by Daltyn subject to corrective edits WTC members submit to Elynn. Daltyn will return all four plaque designs with edits to Carol Elynn by EOD Tuesday 10/13 for final approval. Carol seconded. Approved by all.

5. Mowing - White Acre Farms estimated fees of \$475/leaf cleanup on Hoot, Toot & Whistle trail. Funds left from the mowing budget will cover the cost. Joanne made a motion to ask White Acre Farms to do a final end of season leaf clean up on the Hoot, Toot & Whistle trail bridges, stairs and boardwalk, Carol seconded. Approved by all.

6. Financial Report

- Update on 1% fund budget of \$19,000 FY July 26-June 27 - Total spending for the fiscal year to date is \$7,985.61 + paying \$41.37 for Linseed Oil next week, gives us a remaining budget of \$10,973.02.

- Donation Balance is currently \$12,586.04 after using funds for the new parking area and kiosk. As of 9/21 funds raised equal \$12,175.46 from Donorbox and past funding from FY 25, FY 26, and FY 27 equals \$26,864 via Check, Lexis Nexis, Great River Hydro and Rotary (information provided by Town Treasurer Christine Richter to WTC).

7. Hoot, Toot & Whistle (HTW) update

Gretchen Haverluk received updated estimates from Saladino Property Maintenance:

- Segment 3: \$39,124 (closed section of trail below the new Fairview parking area)

- Segment 1: \$69,446 (western end of Trail to picnic area/boat launch) approximate estimate – excluding the new proposed bridge

DRB project permit expired 9/29/2026 after 3 years; new permit application underway (Joanne). DRB hearing scheduled October 19. WTC will ask for a continuance to the following DRB meeting as Segment 1 requires engineering design changes. New plans will not be finalized until after 10/19. Updated design plans must also be submitted with the Recreational Trails Program Grant applications.

Reopening Segment 3 is the highest priority for 2027. Carol made a motion to use \$10,000 of our trail donations towards Segment 3 and to make a request to the Selectboard for the balance of \$29,124 from the 1% fund. Steven seconded. Approved by all.

8. Work Bee plans/priorities – plan to blow leaves off the HT&W trail the week of 10/19 - target date 10/22 but weather dependent.

9. Health & Safety: No update

10. Review Action items remaining:

- Erin Lackey, Operations manager for the MOOver, indicated to Joanne that the MOOver will put up a few signs on their own regarding their allowed parking area.
- After presenting a cost estimate obtained from Dover Sign Shop, Joanne made motion to allocate \$450 to order and pay for installation of a Wilmington Trails sign at the new Kiosk near the Fairview Avenue Parking lot. Carol seconded. Approved by all. Members suggested deferring a decision on ordering the donation thank you plaque until Dover Sign Shop provides a mock up example and advice comparing the three estimate options provided.
- Wildlife festival attendees should ensure there is a sign up sheet and donation box there next year.
- Knotweed on HT&W trail – Scott Smyers to assist with GPS to pinpoint location and determining next steps and cost for permitting requirements to treat .

11. Access Agreement Project with UVM intern update - Carol and Steve to discuss offline; project description due mid-December to UVM advisor

12. Trail Mapping - Steve spoke with Jeff Nugent – starting work on getting new GPS on all trails this fall. Jeff N. is also preparing an overlay map for access agreements that also has property owners on it.

13. Miscellaneous

- Emails – no need to discuss again
- Mapping - see above

14. New Business

- Fundraising : Have materials, need to work on a letter to go out in November (Elynn/Carol/Joanne)
- Homeschool hike: As coordinated with Laura Joyce, Joanne and Carol will be meeting the group at the Lake Raponda Beach parking area on 10/14 at 10:30am for a one hour hike.
- Library BioBlitz: Joanne noted to Laura Joyce that this was a bit out of our scope; there was a BioBlitz at the Vermont Museum of Natural History, she should contact that group.

Motion to adjourn made by Joanne at 7:22pm Carol seconded, all in favor.

Action Items:

Carol: Remove Miscellaneous from agenda and determine date with Gretchen H. for Selectboard next meeting, lead children's hike, follow up on Access Agreement Project with Steve B.; attend DRB meeting 10/19 for continuance

Elynn: Share WTC feedback with Daltyn, draft Fundraising letter

Joanne: Order Sign, attend DRB meeting, lead children's hike, contact White Acre Farm

Steven: Follow up on Access Agreement Project