

Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee

Minutes of the March 11, 2015 meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by chair Paul Jahnige. Also present were members Dwight Baghdoyan, John Hoogstraten, Eileen Keegan, Diane Merritt, Gwen Blodgett, HLT partner Nicole Rhodes and visitor Sarah LaPointe.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved.

The Town Annual report was approved and submitted to the Town.

HLT partner NR reported on upcoming events of interest or benefit to WWTC members.

1. GPS for Land Conservation workshop at Meekins Library on April 12, and also at Arcadia on April 18.
2. Adding an extension (with kiosk) of the Breckenridge Trail to Rt. 9 near the Goshen line.

Historic Dam Trail- Feb.16, members GB, DB, PJ, EK, JH met with Beth Ouimet to explore the trail possibility across their property to the dam site. JH will email Nicole Sanford, sr. environmental scientist at the Northampton DPW, to meet and explore the trail possibility across the Northampton Watershed property, along with a snowless return to the Ouimet property.

Grass Hill Trail- GB contacted Jonah Keane at Mass Audubon to offer our assistance with Grass Hill trail development. He replied that he will contact us when they are ready to proceed.

Brier Hill Area- GB suggested that we plan a workday to brush out the outlook. DB will evaluate.

Spring Event(s) -For National Trails Day, June 6, or Earth Day activities, there was the suggestion of a hike at an unspecified location or a volunteer day at the historic dam trail. PJ will contact Laurie Sanders regarding a hike, possibly to a vernal pool.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Merritt

