

Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee

Minutes of the November 8, 2017 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by chair Paul Jahnige. Also present were members John Hoogstraten, Eileen Keegan, Gwen Blodgett, David Weber, Diane Merritt and visitors Eric Weber, John Sinton, Jim Lemkin and Phil Merritt

Minutes of the October meeting were approved

Communications- the committee received a note thanking the committee for our website and trails along with a \$50 donation.

Historic Dam Trail- PJ presented drafts of 2'x 3' panels of interpretive materials, to be placed around the dam site and on the kiosk. The committee, assisted by Eric Weber, discussed text and placement of the panels and other materials that might be placed on the kiosk. Following discussion we agreed to have 5 descriptive panels at the dam site and 2 at the kiosk. The brochure describing the dam disaster is being developed by John Sinton and Gaby Immerman of the Greenway Initiative and a Smith College student. It will include text and photos covering the entire distance from the dam site to the Florence terminis of the flood.

HDT Work Day- rescheduled for Sunday, Nov. 19, at 10:00 a.m.

HDT – due to the potential of winter trail hazards, the committee agreed that we should post a “closed for the winter” sign at the trail, exact location to be determined.

Tread material- JH constructed a test bog bridge covered with the tread material. Upon testing with snow and icy conditions it was determined that it is suitable as a bog bridge covering. It will be installed at the Briar Hill trail.

Horse Mountain Project-members continue to explore the area for a trail location.

Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Merritt