

Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee

Minutes of the November 18, 2015 meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by chair Paul Jahnige. Also present were Gwen Blodgett, Sarah LaPointe, John Hoogstraten, Diane Merritt, Dwight Baghdoyan, HLT intern Michael Madole and visitor Phil Merritt

Minutes of the October meeting were approved with the addition of GB to those present.

WWTC donation account-EK will draft a proposal describing the donation account which will be included on our website. We will wait until we have a final plan for fundraising before sending the information to our email list.

Dog policy-GB proposed that we revise our dog policy to allow leashed dogs on our hikes. Members agreed to allow leashed dogs but to not publicize it. It was suggested that we hold a “dog friendly” hike.

Fall trail clean-up- GB suggested a fall trail clean-up. There is a downed branch on the Hall property, which GB will try to remove. Trails will be checked by members:

Breckenridge-SL

Brier Hill-DB

Bradley-SL

Big View-DM

O’Neil Hill-PJ

Petticoat Hill-JH

Graves Sanctuary-EK

1<sup>st</sup> Day Hike-hikers will meet at the Dunphy School lot at 10:00 a.m. to hike a loop from the Valley View trail through the O’Neil Hill and Hall properties and return.

WWTC logo caps- It was suggested that we purchase caps with our bear paw logo for resale at our events. MM will research the idea.

Historic Dam Trail-on November 15, members of our group met on site with representatives from various town boards and interested related groups for a presentation of the proposal by chair PJ followed by a walk on the trail. On November 16, JH met on site with a member of the Cons.Comm.. PJ and HLT intern MM have assembled a draft of the proposal and interpretive materials which when complete will be submitted to the city of Northampton. We continue to discuss ideas for the stream crossings.

Adjourned at 8:28 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Merritt

