

Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee

Minutes of the February 8, 2017 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by chair Paul Jahnige. Also present were members Gwen Blodgett, Diane Merritt, Karin McGowan, Dwight Baghdoyan, Eileen Keegan, John Hoogstraten and visitors David Weber and Rochelle Wildfong (Meekins Library)

Minutes of the January meeting were approved

Communications- none

Thoreau Bicentennial Statewide Read- Rochelle Wildfong, representing Meekins Library, described the purpose of the TBSR , which in celebration of Thoreau's 200th birthday requests that every town or city in MA participate by facilitating a shared Thoreau experience at some point during 2017. We agreed that we would like to sponsor an activity. After some discussion we decided that we would suggest contacting Thoreau musician Jeff Henich to perform in the town's Angel Park concert series. RW agreed and offered to make the contacts to explore the possibility of arranging the concert for mid-July.

Annual Report- members reviewed a draft of the committee's annual report.

Moonlight Hike-Sat. Feb. 11, will meet at the Big View parking area to hike to the lookout. We finalized the details.

Historic Dam Trail- PJ submitted a financial statement summarizing the expenses and remaining monies in the account. The Williamsburg Cultural Council awarded the committee a \$700 grant for the project. JH submitted plans for the construction of a kiosk and benches for the project. DW offered to assist JH in the bench construction with materials on hand and JH will determine a cost estimate for the kiosk materials. JH also submitted a list of tasks remaining to complete the project. PJ will draft signage. Plastic composite material was suggested for the sign composition. The committee discussed possible parking on Ashfield Rd. and related signage.

Adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Merritt