

Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee

Minutes of the October 14, 2015 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by chair Paul Jahnige. Also present were members, Gwen Blodgett, John Hoogstraten, Eileen Keegan, Sarah LaPointe, Dwight Baghdoyan, Diane Merritt, HLT intern Michael Madole, and visitor Phil Merritt

Minutes of the September meeting were approved.

WWTC Donation Account- the account is set up at FSB through the Town. Donation checks must be made out to the Town of Williamsburg indicating the donation is for WWTC, and is to be sent to the Town Office (PO Box 447).

HLT Intern- Michael Madole, HLT AmeriCorps Land Steward coordinator will be assisting our committee through August 2016. He will organize events and work on the development of the Historic Dam Trail.

Historic Dam Trail- PJ and JH visited the site. They GPS'd, flagged and mapped the trail and bog bridge locations and chose a location for the upper dam bridge a few feet up from the old bridge. They determined that the span would be 28' and we could construct it ourselves. JH determined that the trail would require 5 small bridges at approx. \$135 each and a foot bridge for the first crossing at approx. \$400. A joint-board visit involving related town boards will be scheduled to involve the town in the idea and process. PJ will work with HLT MM on a proposal for Northampton. PJ drafted a plan itemizing goals and procedures required to complete the project.

Upcoming events- Fall hike, 10:00 a.m. November 1, to the Unquomok Big View for picnic lunch, including stops at the 3-town marker and beaver pond.

First Day hike- will plan at the November meeting

Spring/summer hike- suggestion of talk and tour of Carol Duke's bird and butterfly gardens in June.

Adjourned at 8:05 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Merritt