

Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee

Minutes of the March 8, 2017 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by chair Paul Jahnige. Also present were members Gwen Blodgett, Eileen Keegan, Sarah La Pointe, Karin McGowan, John Hoogstraten, Diane Merritt and visitors David Weber and Phil Merritt

Minutes of the February meeting were accepted as amended

Communications- WWTC received a donation of \$50.

Thoreau Bicentennial –Rochelle Wildfong of Meekins Library arranged for Jeff Henich to perform at the July 13, Angel Park concert in celebration of Thoreau. We discussed the possibility of hosting a hike featuring Thoreau readings to be held on the Sunday before or after the concert. EK will ask RW if the library is interested in WWTC hosting a hike.

Bradley Property – HLT will hold a workday, to which WWTC members are invited, on Sun. March 12, to clean up recent storm damage. Workers will complete chain saw work on the Friday before the workday. It was noted that there were also trees down at the HLT Breckenridge property.

Hall Property- GB offered to design an interpretive sign for the hidden meadow. She also observed that the kiosk needs updating and repair. EK suggested that we make the changes when we make signs for the HDT kiosk.

Historic Dam Trail- we discussed the use of routed wooden signs and color core signs for various placements from the entrance to interpretive signs along the trail. Routed color core signs (easier to read small signs and longer lasting) would be purchased and likely be used trailside. JH suggested routed wood signs for the Ashfield Rd. entrance and for the kiosk heading. A rough draft design was developed during the meeting for entrance sign and post. JH will ask the nearby landowners about parking at the entrance to Judd Lane.

HDT kiosk- PJ, EK and DW have been developing a plan for the displays on the kiosk panels. JH estimates a cost of \$600 for the kiosk. The committee voted to have him purchase the required materials. We discussed developing a standardized kiosk plan using the same dimensions and proportions for the construction of future kiosks. It was suggested that panels be 2'x 3' with the use of multiples.

Gibson Trails-EK, GB, and JH will make arrangements with the landowner to walk the trails and discuss usage and expectations.

2018 Moonlight Hike- GB suggested that we not schedule it on the same night as a town event. DW suggested a stargazing hike if scheduled on a night with little moonlight.

Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Merritt