

Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee

Minutes of the September 9, 2015 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by chair Paul Jahnige. Also present were members Eileen Keegan, John Hoogstraten, Gwen Blodgett, Dwight Baghdoyan, Diane Merritt and Sarah LaPointe

Minutes of the July meeting were approved. There was no meeting in August.

HLT Interns-Previous intern, Nicole Rhodes will present her final report at a future date. A new intern will be scheduled from September 2015- August 2016. A possible Mass Lift intern project could involve the Historic Dam Trail project. PJ will make a formal request.

New Website- EK will open an account with Go Daddy to design a new website. The 2 year, \$80 expense will be covered by our budget.

Historic Dam Trail- On July 14, PJ and JH met with Nicole Sanford (Northampton DPW) and Mike Mauri to walk on the Northampton DPW portion of the property. Their interest is in the forest management and future logging of the property. They have no plan to rebuild the former logging bridge. PJ also met with a SCA representative to explore the feasibility of SCA constructing a bridge at a new site. Estimated SCA cost is approximately \$50,000, taking advantage of on site]materials. The existing terrain makes it challenging to find a workable site. Our obligation to Northampton is to determine the location, design and construction of the bridge. We will schedule a return site visit with WWTC and the Ouimets for more study. We might consider applying for a trails grant which may fund the project in the \$10,000- \$15,000 range.

O'Neil Hill Trail- GB walked the trails with the new Graves Sanctuary property manager Trevor Chalmers and Jonah Keane to point out areas where chain saw work is required. GB was also given permission to place more directional arrows on the trail.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Merritt