

Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee

Minutes of the June 8, 2016 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by member John Hoogstraten.. Also present were committee members Gwen Blodgett, Eileen Keegan, Dwight Baghdoyan, Sarah LaPointe, Diane Merritt and visitor Mary Dudek from the Williamsburg Cultural Council.

Minutes of the May meeting were approved.

Communications-none

Williamsburg Cultural Council- Mary Dudek was present to describe the purpose of the cultural council and the types of local projects they are likely to fund. She expressed a willingness to fund certain aspects of the Historic Dam Trail for example, interpretive signs and their design, main kiosk at the trailhead and school programs related to the use of the trail. Applications should be submitted in September for a due date of October 15, and the funds are available in January. She had emailed the application details to the membership.

Historic Dam Trail- June 4, workday accomplishments- 24 volunteers and members attended. The trail tread is 25-35% complete, most of the first bridge has been constructed (some decking and railings remain) and volunteers worked on eradicating invasives up to the first bridge. A workday is scheduled for June 19, at 8:30 a.m., with PJ in charge of trail tread crew and JH heading up the bridge crew. The workday for Wed. June 22 will begin at 8:00 a.m.

HDT funding- The following funds have been received.

\$6,700 from business and individuals

\$3,112 from Fields Pond Foundation grant

\$4,000 from the Town

\$13,812 Total

PJ drew up a list of supporters according to their support levels.

Budget- FY '16 has \$428 remaining until June 30, 2016. It was agreed to spend it on white oak for bridges and materials for workdays.

WWTC Caps- Available to members for \$10/cap and to the public for \$15/cap. Members agreed to purchase 20 more caps with the logo lettering filled in and to reimburse JH for the purchase of the initial 20 caps, both from our fundraising account.

Brier Hill Cons. Area-suggestion of brush saw purchase for stump sprout removal from the outlook and for use on other WWT trails.

Adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Merritt