

## **Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee**

### **Minutes of the April 13, 2016 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by chair Paul Jahnige. Also present were committee members Karin McGowan, Eileen Keegan, John Hoogstraten, Sarah LaPointe, Gwen Blodgett, Diane Merritt and HLT intern Michael Madole

Minutes of the March meeting were approved.

#### Communications-

Williamsburg COA Forum- David Chase-inquiring about possible accessible hikes in the area/walkability of village centers. We discussed various places in town that might be accessible such as Roger Bisbee Way, Brier Hill Rd. from the Brier Hill Conservation Area, Upper Nash Hill Rd. and Mass Audubon Graves Sanctuary.

WWTC Caps- the logo is being digitized and the caps should be ready in three weeks. DM will check for the May meeting.

#### Historic Dam Flood and Forest Trail-

Cons. Comm. Notice of Intent- there was a site visit on April 12, with JH and PJ and a hearing for the NOI is scheduled for April 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the town office.

JH sent out fundraising letters to 43 businesses, with nine responses so far totaling \$2,000.

PJ suggested soliciting help for specific skills required for the project.

There was discussion of timing a press release article in the newspaper. It was agreed that it should happen within the next few weeks. It would feature the historic aspect of the dam and the development of the trail to provide access to the site.

Valley Gives Day is May 3. PJ will pursue.

Publicity aspects of the project will be coordinated by JH, PJ, EK, and MM, which we agreed to call the Historic Dam Trail project.

We agreed to launch the project on June 4, National Trails Day, with our first official workday. JH will head up bridge construction and PJ trail building. A monthly workday schedule will include three days, the first Sat., third Sun. and forth Wed.. Before June 4, we will flag the trail in detail and perform necessary chainsaw work. Sunday, April 17, is set aside to establish the final route.

HRHS Community Service- Eva Wetzel completed her service requirement by helping at the Greenway Committee meeting.

Spring trail maintenance-

GB- Bradley and Hall Areas- arrows and WWT blazes

DM- Big View

JH- Petticoat Hill

EK- Graves Sanctuary

PJ- Valley View and O'Neil

MM- Bradley and Breckenridge

DB- Brier Hill

Adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Merritt