

Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee

Minutes of the June 14, 2017 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by chair Paul Jahnige. Also present were members Karin McGowan, John Hoogstraten, Eileen Keegan, Sarah LaPointe, David Weber, Gwen Blodgett, Dwight Baghdoyan, Diane Merritt and visitor, Eric Bloomquist

Minutes of the April and May meetings were approved.

Thoreau Bicentennial- We received an updated Thoreau programs press release from Meekins Library. Jeff Hinich will perform on July 13, as part of the Angel Park Concert Series and on July 16, at 2:00 p.m., at Meekins Library, he will present a reading from Thoreau followed by a hike to O'Neil Hill led by WWTC members. We will finalize the details at our July meeting. EK will send a notice to our e-mail list.

Historic Dam Trail- On the June 3, workday the kiosk installation was mostly completed, including some informational panels, trailside benches placed and trail maintenance and blazing mostly completed. The entrance sign, with white lettering on brown background on an aluminum composite panel, is completed but will not be installed until the trail is officially opened.

On May 17, members met with Mass. Humanities representatives to walk the trail and discuss our request for grant funding.

DW and DB will meet on site Sat. June 17, to install property entrance cable posts, and to assess trail needs.

There was a successful elementary school class visit from ATD, which Eric Weber had volunteered to lead. That led to a discussion of a need for guidelines for group walks and school group visits and where and how guidelines and permission to use the trail would be obtained.

There was a suggestion to keep a small area and trail entrance path mowed, also to mark rocks in the parking area with stakes.

Trail Tread Material- a roll of geo-textile mat was donated to the committee by Smith College. We will experiment using it as tread material on bog bridges at Briar Hill.

Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Merritt