

Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee

Minutes of the May 9, 2018 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Paul Jahnige. Also present were members John Hoogstraten, David Weber, Eileen Keegan, Gwen Blodgett, Dwight Baghdoyan, Diane Merritt

Minutes of the April 11, meeting were approved

Communications-none

Historic Dam Trail

Flood brochure copies are available for distribution. There was a short discussion of how they would be distributed. The Northampton Historical Society sells them for \$2. We may sell them at our opening hike.

HDT Opening celebration and hike, Sunday, June 10, 1:00 p.m. , introductory comments and overview of project by PJ. Eric Weber and Elizabeth Sharpe will also be present.

Parking-we determined that there would be room for up to 50 cars. JH will follow up with the Ouimets. JH and DB will coordinate event parking.

Refreshments-EK will supply water, PJ will bring watermelons and knife

Ribbon cutting- Flagging tape and scissors

Dogs on the trail- the city of Northampton doesn't allow dogs on their watershed property(which includes part of the trail), and we feel there is also an issue of wildlife protection and trail safety. Following a discussion, WWTC voted to prohibit dogs on the trail provided the landowner is in agreement.

Final Preparatons- EK will design flyers which DM will post in Williamsburg and Haydenville locations. Two workdays will be scheduled to install waysides and perform other preparatory tasks for the trail opening. The first workday will be held on May 20, 9:00 a.m., to meet at the end of Judd Lane.

FY 2018 Budget – There is \$230 remaining until July 1. Suggestions for purchase include leaf rakes, grub hoes, cargo frame pack and battery. We approved the purchase of items from the budget. We will request \$500 for FY 2019.

Trail Maintenance-Mass Audubon cleaned up windfalls from O'Neil Hill and Graves Sanctuary. DW and JH cleaned up windfalls from the Hall property.

Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Merritt