

Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee

Minutes of the May 10, 2017 Meeting

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

Trail Maintenance-

HLT Breckenridge- May 1, SL, GB and Tamsin Flanders(HLT) worked on trail blazes. They expressed the need for more arrows.

HLT Bradley- SL requested a couple more arrows for the trail.

Briar Hill- DB reported 1 tree across the trail and a moth nest in the kiosk. JH will eliminate it.

Hall Property- regarding the interpretive sign for the "Hidden Meadow", GB would like to include additional information after speaking with Lisa Hall. We discussed the possibility of flower illustrations or photos to be placed on the sign.

Thoreau Bicentennial- according to Rochelle Wildfong of Meekins Library, Jeffrey Hinich will perform as part of the Angel Park Concert Series on July 13. On July 16, at 1:00 p.m., there will be a program at the library with a group reading of Thoreau's 'Walking' essays followed by a hike with the WWTC. We reviewed the library's press release for the Thoreau programs and made suggestions.

Horse Mt. Project- there will be an article at the town meeting to vote to appropriate funding, reimbursable by state LAND grant funds, toward the acquisition through the Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission of the 34 acre Williamsburg parcel of the Horse Mt. property. PJ will speak in favor of the funding to purchase the property.

Historic Dam Trail- PJ and JH met with Bill Turner of the highway dept. regarding parking on Ashfield Road. There are approximately four spaces. We discussed possible deterrents to vehicles entering the property such as a cable or bollards placed in far enough to allow access to the fire pond.

We resubmitted a grant application for \$7500 to Mass Humanities through MRGC. On May 17, WWTC members and representatives will meet for a site visit to walk the trail and to discuss brochure funding.

We discussed remaining tasks to be completed, including installation of the kiosk and the entrance sign. We scheduled a workday for Sat. June 3, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., National Trails Day, for bench and kiosk installation and trail work.

Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Merritt