

Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee

Minutes of the March 9, 2016 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m. by chair Paul Jahnige. Also present were committee members Dwight Baghdoyan, Gwen Blodgett, Diane Merritt, John Hoogstraten, Eileen Keegan

Minutes of the February meeting were approved.

Communications-

1. Request from Charlene Nardi for volunteers to walk the Town boundary, GPS the coordinates and find the corner markers. GB and S LaP are interested in helping with the northern boundaries.
2. Request from Eva Wetzel, HRHS student wishing to fulfill her community service requirement by assisting with our trail work. It was suggested that she could inventory trails for maintenance and/or perform maintenance on trails. We suggested Valley View/ O'Neil and Petticoat Hill.
Her deadline is April 15.

Historic Dam Flood and Forest Trail-

1. The Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Williamsburg and City of Northampton has been signed by the Northampton city council, approving the project.
2. PJ and JH met with the Ouimets' to write up the landowner's land use agreement, which will be signed by the Williamsburg select board.
3. PJ submitted a grant application to the Field and Ponds organization for funding. He has also reached out to the Connecticut River Watershed Council to be the agent for a Norcross Foundation grant.
4. PJ met with the conservation commission and prepared a Notice of Intent for the entire trail project.
5. JH drafted three letters for fundraising, one each for FSB, local businesses and the town newsletter.
6. PJ suggested that we consider methods of making donations on the computer (click and pay link). He will ask MM for input.
7. Suggestion of making a brochure to be distributed in town.
8. We will submit a town meeting request of \$4000 for partial funding for the trail construction. We recommend that the total funding consist of 1/3 from the town, 1/3 from donations and 1/3 from grants.

The Full Moon Hike, Feb. 20, held at the MassAudubon Graves Sanctuary, had approximately 20 hikers on a warm mostly clear evening.

WWTC caps- DM will check with Caroline. She will need a digitized logo for the embroidery and \$100 for set up, then \$10/ cap.

Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Merritt