

Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee

Minutes of the April 12, 2017 Meeting

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

Minutes of the March meeting were approved

Communications-Mill River Greenway Initiative is holding a community forum and progress update on Sunday, April 30, at 2:00 p.m.

Worthington Trails Committee has received a \$3000 grant from the Scenic Byways Program toward the development of the Highland Footpath, a trail from Lee to Goshen.

Historic Dam Trail- EK and JH hiked the trail and performed spring maintenance. One fallen tree needs to be removed from the trail. Two trailside benches have been constructed by JH and are ready for installation. There are possible sites picked for placement.

The kiosk is partially completed by JH and stored at his shop. After a discussion of color choices for the main kiosk, we decided on mahogany framing of the displays on a lighter colored kiosk. DW suggested a white border on the displays.

Workdays were suggested but none scheduled.

Grant- we did not receive the applied for \$7500 grant through the Mill River Greenway Initiative from MA Humanities, for brochures and other printed materials, but they suggested that we reapply.

DW and PJ had an informational meeting with a professional wayside sign designer to research styles and materials. It was suggested to consider a material that can be photographed on.

Hall Conservation Area- GB designed an interpretive sign for the Hidden Meadow with descriptive text. After some discussion DB volunteered to complete the editing process and email the result to the committee.

Thoreau Bicentennial- Rochelle Wildfong of Meekins Library accepted our offer to host a hike in honor of Thoreau. She will check on the availability of Jeff Henich to participate in the hike.

Gibson Trails- EK, JH and GB hiked the trails and will identify some loops for possible development. She will consider opening the trails to the public. There is an area for limited pull off parking.

Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Merritt