

Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee

Minutes of the October 12, 2016 Meeting

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

Minutes of the September meeting were approved.

Communications- none

Historic Dam Trail

The Historic Dam Trail opening hike is scheduled for 1:00 p.m., on October 16. PJ will make an introduction and lead the hike to the dam site. SLP will purchase cider and cups to be available at the picnic table following the hike. GB will have the caps available for sale.

We may plan one more trail workday this fall to complete blazing and additional work.

Budget-PJ will request a summary from the town of our account income and expenses.

Kiosk- JH will design and construct a kiosk for spring installation. PJ and EK are assembling the interpretive materials to be posted on the front of the kiosk and flood maps, flood story and WWT trail maps and information on the back.

Grants-PJ submitted a Cultural Council grant application for \$1000 through the Greenway Initiative to design and produce a brochure. PJ also submitted a " letter of interest" to Mass Humanities and met with a representative regarding an application for a \$7500 grant to cover waysides in Haydenville, Williamsburg and Skinnerville along with additional needs for the brochure.

Brush Saw-JH purchased the saw from Bacon's for \$442.

Work Day-a work day for clearing out the Briar Hill outlook is scheduled for Sunday, November 6, at 9:00 a.m. We will invite members and friends.

Hall Conservation Area-GB suggested that the Girl Scout Quest section of the kiosk should be either restocked or eliminated. She has information which could be posted on a sign at the entrance to the hidden meadow.

Town member Donna Gibson requested assistance in maintaining her network of trails. We agreed that if we work on her trails, they should be open to the public.

Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Merritt