

Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee

Minutes of the August 19, 2016 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by chair Paul Jahnige. Also present were members Karin McGowan, Dwight Baghdoyan, John Hoogstraten, Gwen Blodgett, Eileen Keegan, Sarah LaPointe and visitor Phil Merritt.

Minutes of the July meeting were approved.

Communications- WWTC received a check for \$1,282.95 from Valley gives Day!

Historic Dam Trail-

Construction update-JH reported that the 3 main and 5 bog bridges have been completed.

PJ reported that the trail tread and mapping of it have been completed.

GB reported that progress with trail trimming was made up to the gate keepers cottage.

There have been a total of 10 workdays scheduled so far.

Work remaining- complete trail trimming, blazing, entrance kiosk, interpretive signs, and parking

Opening Events- there should be press releases and discussed aiming for a "soft" opening hike.

Budget- spent \$7,089 so far including \$450 from last year's budget. About half of the fundraising money remains.

PJ will research types of signage.

HLT intern Michael Madole completed his internship with us. The members expressed great appreciation for his work with our committee, especially his assistance in the planning and development of the Historic Dam Trail.

Williamsburg Cultural Council- the committee is considering applying for a grant to help fund some interpretive signage and educational activities related to the HDT. JH will contact them.

Trail Maintenance- SL will assess trail needs of the Breckenridge trail and send to HLT.

Horse Mt. Project-the Kestrel Land Trust is working in behalf of Williamsburg and Hatfield to submit an application for a LAND grant to acquire parcels on and around Horse Mt., to be owned by the towns of Williamsburg and Hatfield. As requested by KLT, WWTC (PJ) submitted a letter offering support and assistance with trail work.

Brush saw purchase-JH has researched makes and types of brush saws at OESCO, Bacons and the internet. After discussion, the committee voted to spend up to \$500 for JH to purchase a brush saw.

Adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Merritt