

## **Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee**

### **Minutes of the February 10, 2016 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by chair Paul Jahnige. Also present were committee members Eileen Keegan, Gwen Blodgett, Diane Merritt, Dwight Baghdoyan, John Hoogstraten and HLT intern Michael Madole.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as amended.

Communications- None

Full Moon Hike- Feb. 20, at the Mass Audubon Graves Wildlife Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. is all set.

Historic Dam Flood and Forest Trail- The Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Williamsburg and the City of Northampton regarding the Historic Dam Flood and Forest Trail on Northampton Water Dept. property has been signed by the chair of our selectboard, but has not yet been signed by the Northampton mayor and Chief Procurement Officer.

JH has submitted a preliminary budget for structures related to the project and potential funding sources. A map showing the proposed route and properties was submitted by MM. This was followed by a discussion of possible fundraising options, newspaper coverage and grant options from Fields and Ponds and Norcross foundation. JH will draft a preliminary fundraising letter and update the Ouimets on our progress.

Spring/Summer programs- DM is organizing a Garden Tour of Carol Duke's Flower Hill Farm and a presentation by Tom Sullivan from Pollinators Welcome to highlight the importance of providing natural habitat for birds, butterflies and pollinators. MM noted that HLT may be planning a related program and we might partner with them. DM will follow up with HLT outreach.

WWTC Logo Caps- GB will check on cap styles with Caroline at Pat's.

Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Merritt