

Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee

Minutes of the May 11, 2016 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by chair Paul Jahnige. Also present were committee members John Hoogstraten, Karin McGowan, Eileen Keegan, Diane Merritt, Gwen Blodgett, Sarah LaPointe, HLT intern Michael Madole and visitor Phil Merritt

Minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Communications- none

Resignation- we regretfully accepted the resignation of member Andrew Gould.

Historic Dam Trail

Publicity- EK will send HDT information to our email list, MM has made and posted flyers in town, JH has written a rough draft for a press release and PJ will set up a volunteer work request on Sign Up Genius.

Fundraising- PJ applied for and we received a \$3112 grant from Fields Pond and we also received \$6,045.95 from local businesses and individuals as a result of the proposal and fundraising letter written and sent out by JH.

Trail Work- May 28-29, are set aside for preliminary trail and bridge construction work to be completed before our June 4, launch date. JH and committee members will complete bridge construction prep work at his shop on May 28, and on May 29, members will clear an access trail to the first bridge site.

PJ will organize workers for June 4, 8:30 a.m.- noon, and the rest of the month using Sign Up Genius. JH will need 7 for bridge construction and PJ will need 18 for trimming, invasive removal and trail tread construction. EK will greet and assign workers and provide snacks. PJ will supply water. For marking the trail we discussed the use of our bear paw blazes and paint blazes.

Additional Items:

GB suggested an interpretive sign for the hidden meadow in the Hall property since its significance might be otherwise difficult to notice.

Budget- must be used by the end of June.

WWTC Caps- they should be ready for our June 4, Historic Dam Trail launch date.

Bradley property- MM held a workday April 30, and with EK's help they cleared out a view of Petticoat Hill.

EK reported a broken sign at the Graves Sanctuary to Mass Audubon.

Adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Merritt

