

Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee

Minutes of the October 10, 2018 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by chair Paul Jahnige. Also present were members Dwight Baghdoyan, John Hoogstraten, Gwen Blodgett, Eileen Keegan, Sarah LaPointe, Diane Merritt and visitors Jim Lemkin and HLT Brigid Ryan.

Minutes- Minutes of the September 11, 2018 meeting were approved as amended

Communications- none

Hilltown Land Trust- We welcomed Land Steward Coordinator Brigid Ryan to our meeting. She will be working with 4 -5 UMass students on trail maintenance at the Bradley property on Oct. 13-14. They may work on updating the Bradley trail map and fixing the Breckenridge kiosk. In her work with our committee, Brigid will promote capacity building, for example soliciting volunteers, and will attend our meetings.

Trail Maintenance Reports

O'Neil Hill- SL reported some trees down and trail was very wet in spots. MassAudubon property manager Trevor will be notified of clean- up work.

Briar Hill Area- DB reported a couple of windfalls and an issue with a town installed culvert draining into the area in front of the kiosk. A workday was suggested to remedy the situation, none scheduled.

Graves Sanctuary- EK reported , no maintenance required.

Historic Dam Trail- JH reported that the first two bridges may require stabilization of footings and parts of the trail are wet. He suggested that since we have completed the trail work, we close out the O of C with the Conservation Commission.

Hall Conservation Area- GB reported that a couple of blazes and arrows need replacement, a windfall requires a chainsaw and one of our "Private Property" signs is missing. GB will replace.

Big View Trail- DM reported that the trail has been accepted in the Voluntary Access Program through Franklin and Hilltown Land Trusts for 10 years of public access. Maintenance will be performed by the landowner.

Petticoat Hill- PJ has not had the opportunity to survey.

Horse Mountain Project- At the September 30, workday PJ, DW, GB and JH, GPS'd and flagged a trail route which may be close to the final version. Jim Lemkin offered to research how Horse Mountain got it's name. We discussed the parking area and split rail fence and kiosk at the trail entrance. JH reported that Fitzgerald Fence's price is \$55/ section for 15 sections plus a post. Installation will be \$1,040. JH will also ask L&L Fence for a price. Our budget for the project is \$3,100. We scheduled a workday for October 28, at 10:00 a.m., meeting at the parking area. PJ will do additional mapping to refine the trail focusing on the north side and work on a signage plan. Members will then reflag the trail location at the workday.

Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Merritt