

## Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee

### Minutes of the May 13, 2015 meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Chair Paul Jahnige. Also in attendance were members Sarah LaPoint, Eileen Keegan, Gwen Blodgett, John Hoogstraten, and HLT representative Nicole Rhodes.

A motion was made and seconded (GB/JH) to approve the 4/8/15 meeting minutes. Approved unanimously.

GB noted that a recent private property transfer near Grass Hill Rd. does not appear to impact any existing or proposed trails on the adjacent Mass Audubon property.

GB reported that she and Dwight Baghdoyan had roughed out the grade of new steps on the Hall property trail. She also noted the need for additional bog bridging on the trail. JH will confirm measurements for both projects and acquire the needed materials. Committee members will install the new structures on National Trails Day, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Trail maintenance updates:

1. JH and PJ: removed two widfalls at Petticoat Hill, did drainage improvements at PH and Locke's Loop
2. EK surveyed Graves Farm and emailed pictures to Mass Audubon for action.
3. NR and PJ surveyed Bradley, proposed tentative plan to repair wet area at failed corduroy bridging. Noted that the work may need permitting; NR will schedule a work day when ready.

It was decided that the committee will perform trail construction work at the Hall Property on National Trails Day, June 6<sup>th</sup>, but not sponsor an advertised work day. Members will recruit outside participants at their discretion.

NR inquired regarding the committee's interest in supporting her performing an accessibility assessment of the town's trails as part of her responsibilities with the HLT. The committee members expressed approval of the idea and offered to support Nicole with the project.

A motion was made and seconded (PJ/EK) to spend the remainder of the WWTC 2015 budget on 1.) materials for the trail work at the Hall property, and 2.) purchase rough-sawn locust lumber for bridge decking and store it for future projects. JH will handle both purchases.

JH and PJ reported that no progress had been made since the last meeting on the proposed trail to the historic dam site. We await a response from Northampton DPW staff regarding a site visit to review the project with them.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Submitted by John Hoogstraten