



## Trails Committee

Town Of Hinesburg

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### Meeting Minutes January 16, 2013

**Present:** Stewart Pierson, Michelle Fischer, Cathy Ryan, Jim Goldsmith, Ray Mainer, Sue Rusten, Lenore Budd

**Guest:** Alex Weinhagen, Hinesburg Director of Planning & Zoning

1. Minutes of the 12/19/12 meeting were previously approved by email and posted on the Town website.
2. Financial status: unchanged since last month.
3. Town Meeting: Sue and Lenore volunteered to staff a table at the Monday night portion of Town Meeting. They plan to display the Trails Committee banner, updated trail brochure, VT Trail Ethic, and Hinesburg Landowner Trail Permission forms (with State landowner liability protection statutes on reverse).
4. Russell Trailhead Kiosk: It was felt that more information was needed about the quality and durability of the Gempler kiosk before choosing between it and the kiosk Jim has designed and researched. Sue volunteered to call Gempler to get references for their kiosk and report back to the Committee so we can vote by email before our next meeting.
5. Long Range Planning: tabled until next meeting
6. Town Forest report: tabled until next meeting
7. Trail Steward reports: tabled until next meeting
8. Hinesburg *Record* article: Cathy is writing the next article.
9. Adoption of updated Mission Statement: tabled until next meeting

**10. Pedestrian access to future recreation fields:** Alex Weinhagen presented maps and a status report on the donation to the Town of a 10-acre parcel for athletic fields by the Bissonette family. This donation involves the subdivision of an approximately 85-acre parcel that is slated for additional development in the future. As a condition of subdivision approval, the Development Review Board (DRB) requires evidence that pedestrian access to the athletic fields, both in the short term and the long term, can be achieved. Various possibilities were discussed. Alex will draw up a task list for the Trails Committee to accomplish before the March 2013 meeting of the DRB. Stewart and Alex will set up a Trails Committee site visit in the next few weeks, preferably with the involved property owners or their representatives, and will seek volunteers to prepare recommendations to the DRB.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 7 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Lenore Budd, Vice-Chair