



## Trails Committee

Town Of Hinesburg

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### Meeting Minutes August 21, 2013

**Members Present:** Michelle Fischer, Jane Sheldon, Sue Rusten, Ray Mainer (*Note: There were not enough members present to form a quorum.*)

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Minutes of June 12th meeting had been approved by email and have been posted to the town web site. There was no meeting in July.
2. With Jim's absence there was no financial report.
3. Ray reported that the kiosk has been fully installed at the Russell Trail entrance. It now needs maps and notices provided before the plastic covering can be installed. Sue offered to laminate a copy of the trail map to put up temporarily, until the remaining notices are provided and the covering put on. The replacement kiosk at Hayden Hill West has also been installed and Ray will be putting in the posts for the one at Hayden Hill East with Steve Russell on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Many kudos Ray, for moving this project forward!
4. Sue reported that the scavenger hunts she organized for HCS and HCRC this summer were not well attended or had to be postponed due to weather.
5. The erosion abatement project on the Russell Trails is still on hold until all interested parties can be scheduled to meet. Lenore, Stewart and Ray from the Trails Committee, and the two land owners, James Donegan and Tom Whitney need to all be present to finalize the best way to solve the issue, whether fixing the existing trail or rerouting it onto the Whitney property. Stewart will coordinate everyone's schedule when he returns. Michelle mentioned that Brooke Scatchard, who has had experience with these issues, would be willing to consult on this project.
6. Our marching in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade had been cancelled due to so many TC members away or unable to join us. The banner that Jane purchased for the occasion can be put to use at the Town Meeting table, however, since it is shorter than the original one. We hope to get another group organized for next July to put both banners to use. Michelle also suggested possibly using them for some of our other community activities.

7. Fall activity ideas were discussed. Michelle offered to lead the October foliage walk on *Passing the Horizon* trail. Jane will liaise with Ginny Roberts and Sue will liaise with her contact at the HCS after school program to see if we can organize some hikes or scavenger hunts on the Russell trail once school starts. Work parties also should be considered to clear damage from this summer's storm. Both Jane and Sue have new neighbors who are interested in hiking so one idea for a "theme" hike was to encourage folks to invite families who are new to town.
8. Sue has written the article for the August issue of *The Record*, and Jane will write an article for the September issue, the deadline for which is September 4<sup>th</sup>. We need to assign this job to two other TC members for the last two issues of the year, October and December.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Sheldon, Secretary