



## Trails Committee

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### Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2016

- Approved 3/16/16 -

**Present:** Ray Mainer, Stewart Pierson, Jane Sheldon, Lenore Budd, Peter Modley, Oren Guttman, and Sue Rusten

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. **New Member** – Oren was welcomed as the newest member of the Trails Committee.
2. **Minutes** – Ray made a motion to accept the minutes from the January meeting and Stewart seconded. They were approved by unanimous vote.
3. **Budget** – No expenses have been submitted since the last meeting so our total funds remain at \$976.45.
4. **Town Meeting** – Ray, Stew, Peter, Lenore and Jane confirmed that they will staff a table at Town Meeting, February 29<sup>th</sup>. Jane will bring the banners, Lenore will supply the small maps to give out and a sign-up sheet to collect names of potential volunteers, and Stewart will bring the large maps and easels.
5. **Town Forest** – The new large trail maps for the kiosks have been approved by the Town Forest Committee, printed, and Stewart will install them in the 3 kiosks when the weather permits.
6. **Economou Road Entrance** – Peter brought up the issue of accessibility to this entrance as the spur from the end of the road to the parking area is getting hard to navigate. Lenore will follow up with Trevor to see if this can be resolved.
7. **LaPlatte Headwaters Town Forest and Environs** – The Town Forest Committee is reviewing action items in the management plan for LHTF, with the goal of prioritizing tasks and completing the most urgent ones. Lenore asked Stewart to keep the TFC updated to include the projects we hope to start this year.
  - a. **Connection to the Northern Portion** – It's been two years since Lenore contacted the Meath-Allens re hosting a short section of public trail on their land, so she will contact them again this spring to see if they have any interest.

- b. Hidden Meadow (VT Fish and Wildlife Property)** – To avoid/improve a wet portion of trail heading south from the east end of the Hidden Meadow, the committee plans to relocate the trail slightly to the east and possibly install some puncheon.
  - c. Ravine Trail (Hinesburg Land Trust Property)** – Efforts to scout an alternative to the portion of the Copp-Welch trail that traverses the steep ravine have not yielded a viable result so we will reconsider improvements to the trail in its existing location.
  - d. Lenore will organize a TC hike** when the weather permits to scout out these three areas to see if there has been any changes (e.g. blow-downs) in this system so we can prepare to implement these projects
- 8. Hemingway Letter** – We will not add a hiker sign at the entrance to LHTF near their driveway due to the issues the Hemingways expressed that they have been having with people not respecting their privacy. In the spring, we will once again investigate rerouting the trail away from their house.
- 9. Committee Vacancy** – We still have one vacancy, however there are two people who have shown interest. Stewart and Lenore will keep in touch with them.
- 10. VT Trans Bike/Walk Summit** – There will be a summit held in Rutland on April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will wait for the agenda to be published before deciding if any of us would like to attend.
- 11. Record Articles** – Jane will write the article for March, the deadline for which is March 7<sup>th</sup> and George will write the one for April.
- 12. SCHIP Grant** – Lenore reported that she has not heard one way or the other if we received the grant she wrote in order to purchase tools. She will check with Missy to see if by some chance a check was sent to the town.
- 13. Contact List** – Lenore will update the contact list to include Oren and she reminded us to revise any group TC email lists we might have.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup>

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jane Sheldon, Secretary