



Trails Committee

Town of Hinesburg
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Meeting Minutes - March 22, 2018

- Approved 4/18/18 -

Present: Jane Sheldon, Stewart Pierson, George Dameron, Sue Rusten, and Chic McArthur

Regrets: Lenore Budd, Ray Mainer, Oren Guttmann, and Peter Modley

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

- 1. Minutes** – Chic made a motion to accept the minutes from the February meeting, George seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.
- 2. VT Fish and Wildlife License** – Chic has been in touch with the VTF&W representative and finalized the change to the existing agreement - that we should provide notice to them at least five days before we do any major projects or maintenance. Chic made a motion that the Trails Committee authorize the payment of \$50 for a five-year license, Stewart seconded and the motion was passed unanimously. Chic will follow-up with Missy to make sure the check is cut and sent.
- 3. Report on Hinesburg Town Forest Inventory and Assessment Public Hearing** – Stewart and Sue attended the review meeting last night and reported that the new plan included logging this coming winter. The logging consultant has identified which trees need to be harvested. We may need to divert trails during the work. With this logging we may be able to get some repair done on the Economou extension to the parking area at that trailhead. View-cuts are in the management plan.
- 4. Audubon Event** – Audubon Vermont is holding a bird walk seminar on the Golden Wing Warbler on Saturday, May 19th from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in Geprags Park. Rain date will be Sunday the 20th at the same time.
- 5. Fun Run** – Chic had discussed the idea of holding this event on the Russell Trails during the July Holiday weekend with Frank Twarog of the Rec Commission, but was told that the Hilly Hobble Race was already scheduled then. Chic then liaised with Ann Thomas of the Hinesburg Historical Society and is planning on coordinating a joint hike/historical talk on some of the ancient roads in town.

6. **Record Articles** – Sue will write the April article (due April 12th) to cover the Audubon event and National Trails Day. Jane will write the June article (due June 14th) to cover the upcoming July events, plus report on June projects. The May article still needs to be assigned.
7. **Dog Ordinance** – Lenore worked up a summary of the major points of the new dog ordinance to be printed on a card which will be given to dog owners when they renew licenses. George will follow up with Missy to make sure this is being done before the April 1st deadline for renewals.
8. **Sidewalks** – George mentioned that the sidewalks along the Charlotte Road had not been plowed well over the course of the three nor'easters which hit us this month. He will check with Renae to see if they can be included in the same rotation as those on Route 116. He also mentioned that there has been a problem with dog waste on the town sidewalks this month.
9. **LaPlatte Headwater Town Forest** – Jane reported that she and Sue had met a woman recently who complained about barbed wire being in the LHTF, and which she and her husband had removed because it was a danger to her dog. We both had stressed to her that it was not appropriate to remove anything from our parks and forests without permission from the proper owner of the land – town, Hinesburg Land Trust, VTF&W or private owners – as they may be boundary markers. Jane will review the Town Forest Management Plan for any specific guidelines and write an article (May?) for the Record, as well as post it on Front Porch Forum.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for April 18th.

Respectfully Submitted
Jane Sheldon, Secretary