



Trails Committee

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Meeting Minutes - June 20, 2018

- Draft -

Present: Jane Sheldon, George Dameron, Sue Rusten, Chic McArthur, Lenore Budd, Ray Mainer, Oren Guttman, Peter Modley

Regrets: Stewart Pierson

Guests: Alex Weinhagen, Zippy Guttman

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

- 1. Minutes** – Lenore made a change to the draft minutes from May, to change a word in Point 4 from “goals” to “recommendations.” Ray made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, George seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.
- 2. Budget** – There have been several purchases of materials for projects for National Trails Day so our funds now stand at \$32.61. The next fiscal year starts July 1st.
- 3. Discussion with Alex Weinhagen re Town Plan Action Items** – Alex is meeting with all town committees to review the items in the Town Plan that require their action. We reviewed the 6 involving the Trails Committee (TC) and were able to report that we had made good progress on all of them. Most are on-going, such as continue to work with other committees, landowners or agencies, or are on an as-needed basis. Alex reiterated that we should contact him or the Select Board if we needed help or funding to reach any of these goals.
- 4. National Trails Day** – This year’s event on June 2nd was a big success, with over 20 volunteers pitching in to accomplish many projects, including rerouting the Overlook Trail in the Russell system, adding puncheons to the Gilman Road/Hidden Meadow connection in the LaPlatte Headwater Town Forest (LHTF) and the perimeter trail in the Russell system. Lopping and other trail clearing was done in Geprags and the Russell system as well.
- 5. Review of Task List** – Many of the items on the TC task list are able to be crossed off due to the progress made on National Trails Day. Lenore mentioned that she is rethinking the need for and the feasibility of connecting the north and south sections of the LPHTF (Pt 17), so that item will be reclassified as low priority. We will now focus on the remaining top priorities on the list.

6. **Leftover Lumber** – Ray mentioned that he had some lumber left over from the puncheon built on June 2nd, which could be used to help on the SE portion of the perimeter trail or the Bissonette Loop.
7. **Thank You Letters** – Sue presented a draft of a thank you letter we are planning on sending to Hinesburg landowners who have allowed access for trail use on their property, as well as other cooperating organizations, such as the Fellowship of the Wheel. Sue and George offered to research the grand list to determine the names and address of those landowners. Lenore will work with Alex to prepare a map overlaying the tax property lines with the trail systems.
8. **Upcoming Events**
 - a. **Historic Walk** – George is working with the Hinesburg Historical Society to prepare to lead the hike up Russell’s Overlook Trail, on Sunday, July 1st.
 - b. **Story Walk** – Lenore will be setting up the new book pages this Saturday with a volunteer from Annette’s Preschool, which is sponsoring the event. The walk will start at the Gilman Road parking area and head into the LHTF. Sue will purchase a \$20 gift certificate to the Flying Pig Book Store and will have a sign-up sheet in a box at the start of the walk. A winner will be drawn at random from the list of children signing the list.
9. **Record Articles** – Jane is writing the article for the August issue and Oren volunteered for the September issue.
10. **July Meeting** – It was decided to cancel the July meeting. Jane will post a notice on Front Porch Forum.
11. **Gallagher Property** – Lenore reported that she met with Joyce Gallagher, whose 72 acres on Lavigne Hill Road are on the market. Joyce has expressed interest in donating to the Town a permanent trail easement that would include access to the High Rock view point. Lenore will follow up with Joyce.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 15th.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jane Sheldon, Secretary