

**Open Space and Trails Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 20th, 6:30 pm
Town Hall
Lower-Level Conference Room**

A. Call to order.

Ann Moses called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

B. Members present.

Ann Moses, Barbara Anderson, Debra Romano, Dominic Wilson, Joan Sears, Maureen Parsell, and Todd Rolland.

C. Audience.

None.

D. Approval of prior meeting minutes (05/19/2025).

Joan Sears moved to approve the May 19, 2025, meeting minutes. Debra seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The motion carried.

E. Correspondence.

a. None

F. Old Business:

a. Learn to Fish with CARE/Boating event report.

Ann reported that this year's June Fish/Boat with DEEP event was a success. There were approximately 12 fishers/boaters. Attendance seemed to be lower than in previous years. There was a discussion about improving advertising to attract more attendees for next year's event.

b. Girl Scout Bottle Bin.

Audra Dwyer was not present, but it was noted that she installed a can/bottle recycling bin in the Aya Po parking lot. There are concerns about visitors putting trash in that bin. Suggestions were made about improving the signage to make the bin more recognizable, stating that it is for can and bottle recycling only.

c. Trail Maintenance.

Dominic stated that he cleared the North/South trail in May before the NCLT Trails Day event and that it is in good condition. Most of our trails are still in good condition, except for the Somersville trail, which needs monthly maintenance during the summer.

d. Aya Po Signage.

Todd reported that the Parking Lot Closed signage has been installed in the Aya Po Parking Lot. Each sign has a removable closing time placard, which DPW changes as dusk changes throughout the year.

G. New Business:

- a. 2026 meeting schedule. Barbara moved to approve the 2026 meeting schedule. Joan seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The motion carried.

H. Opportunity to add agenda items.

None

I. Our next Meeting is on November 17th, 2025.

J. Adjournment.

Joan Sears motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM. Barbara Anderson seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Rolland

Town of Somers Liaison