

TOWN OF SOMERS
Open Space and Trails Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 15, 2015, 7:00PM
Town Hall Lower Conference Room

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ann Moses at 7:03PM

II. Members Present:

Ann Moses (Chair), Richard Bailey, Patrice Carson, Pat Boudreau, John Curran, Wes Smith, Dominic Wilson, Dick Hutton, Chris Boucher, and Todd Rolland.

III. Audience:

Students Nick Tomson, Kevin Mcneill, McKaylah Poulin

IV. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Patrice Carson to approve the 5/20/18 Minutes as written. Seconded by Wes Smith. Motion carried.

V. Mission Statement:

The revised mission statement approved at the May meeting has been incorporated into the 2015 Planning Document.

VI. OSTC Project Plan Review:

Task 1.1 to obtain surveys of town owned open space for both Forest View Trails as well as the parcel north of Aya Po has been completed.

Task 1.2. Completed trail maps for all trails in Somers will be sent to Chris to post on the Somers Recreation website.

Task 1.7. The Trails Weekend hike from Whitaker Woods to Soapstone Mountain was well attended with 29 participants, which greatly accedes recent years.

Task 2.0. The Somers BOS has approved funding for a state licensed forester to create a Forest Management Plan for Aya Po. Todd Rolland will request quotes from three foresters. When all quotes are received, the SOSTC will make a recommendation to the BOS.

Task 2.2. A SOSTC work party was held on May 30th to mark the Lower Trail at Aya Po with yellow blazes. Dominic Wilson suggested that evening work parties could be scheduled for weekday evenings to mark remaining existing trails.

Task 2.7. Todd has erected a use restrictions sign at the Aya Po parking area. Smaller signs have been ordered for other entrance locations.

Task 3.6. Ann, Patrice and Richard met on June 12th to start work on the DEEP grant application for improvements to the South Forest View Trail. Letters of support will be solicited from various organizations as well as from the town.

Patrice Carson recommended that we contact DEEP to recommend they start checking fishing licenses at Hurds Lake since fishing is expected to increase with town ownership.

VII. Correspondence

Letter from BOS approving funding for the proposed Forest Management plan referenced above.

VIII. New Business

None

IX. Next Meeting

Monday July 20, 2015 @7:00 pm.

X. Adjournment

8:04 pm. Motion to adjourn by Patrice Carson, seconded by dick Hutton, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Bailey Secretary