

TOWN OF SOMERS
Open Space and Trails Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 19, 2015, 7:00PM
Town Hall Lower Conference Room

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ann Moses at 7:02PM

II. Members Present:

Ann Moses (Chair), Barbara Anderson, Richard Bailey, Patrice Carson, Pat Boudreau, Dominic Wilson, Dick Hutton, John Curran, and Todd Rolland.

III. Audience:

None

IV. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Patrice Carson to approve the 9/21/15 Minutes as written. Seconded by Dick Hutton. Motion carried.

V. OSTC Project Plan Review:

Task 2.0. The three bids for the creation of a Forest Management Plan for Camp Aya Po were reviewed and discussed. One of the bids mentioned that a Forest Management Plan had been created in 2004 for the YWCA. Todd Rolland and Barbara Anderson will look into obtaining a copy of this plan. A motion to table the recommendation of a forester to the Board of Selectmen was made by Dick Hutton and seconded by Ann Moses. The motion passed unanimously.

Task 2.2. A work party on Oct. 4th cleared the Old Shenipsit Trail connector. Fourteen people attended including members of the Reddington Rock Riding Club and the Round Tuit Ranch. The Perkins Mountain Trail has been flagged from the summit down to the Lower Trail and is ready to start clearing. It was decided to mark the Old Shenipsit Trail connector with green blazes the same as the Old Shenipsit Trail.

Task 3.6 No decision on funding of the grant for improvements to the South Forest View trail has been received from DEEP. Patrice Carson will check with DEEP for any progress in their decision process.

VI. Correspondence

None

VII. New Business

Richard Bailey recommended that a record be kept of all work party man hours to document the volunteer effort being put into maintaining and improving Somers town owned open space. It was also suggested that groups of volunteers from local businesses and organizations be recognized and documented. The committee agreed with the recommendation and Chairman Ann Moses will add line to the SOSTC Planning Document for work party record keeping.

The Camp Aya Po Strategic Planning Committee has created a survey to be sent to Somers residents requesting input on potential future uses of Camp Aya Po. It was recommended that the SOSTC obtain a copy for our review before it is printed and mailed. It was also again recommended that the SOSTC have a joint meeting with the Camp Aya Po Strategic Planning Committee to coordinate efforts.

VIII. Next Meeting

Monday Nov. 16, 2015 @7:00 pm.

IX. Adjournment

7:56 pm. Motion to adjourn by Patrice Carson, seconded by Dick Hutton, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Bailey

Secretary