

TOWN OF SOMERS
Open Space and Trails Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 26, 2016
7:00pm
Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ann Moses at 7:08PM

II. Members Present:

Ann Moses, Richard Bailey, Dick Hutton, Andy Phillips, Dominic Wilson, Wes Smith and Todd Rolland

III. Audience:

Wyatt Garber

IV. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Wes Smith to approve the 8/15/16 Minutes as written, seconded by Dick Hutton. Motion carried.

V. OSTC Project Plan Review:

Task 2.2, The Lakeside Trail is completed with the exception of the two bridges. One temporary bridge is in place which will allow the public to utilize the trail; bridges should be completed by November. Andy Phillips offered to have the boy scouts help carry materials to the bridge work sites.

Task 2.3, Wayde Garber presented ideas for his Eagle Scout project at Camp Aya-Po including construction of tables and benches, Interpretive signs along Lakeside Trail and an information kiosk at the parking area. After some discussion the information kiosk was chosen as the project having the most immediate benefit. Wayde will present a plan for the kiosk at the next meeting.

Task 2.7, Todd Rolland has received 500 Somers Open Space boundary markers. A work party has been scheduled for October 22nd to install the markers at Camp Aya-Po.

Task 2.8, Pat Boudreau has worked on cleaning up the amphitheater. Although some of the benches need replacing, the area will be left as-is for now.

Task 3.1, Mr Ladd has given permission to transport bridge construction materials across his property with the stipulation that the stone wall between his and town property not be disturbed.

Task 3.6, The grant for improvements to the South Forest View Trail is awaiting final approval from Connecticut DEEP.

VI. Correspondence

None

VII. New Business

Somers Scout Master Andy Phillips has been added to the committee replacing William Duhrel.

Richard Bailey will lead a public hike at Camp Aya-Po on October 15th with Dom Wilson as co-leader. Todd Rolland will send out an email to the recreation email list and Dick Hutton will inform the Somers Rotary Club.

Ann will attend the October 18th meeting of the Somersville Mill Ad Hoc Committee. Proposed plans for the area include setting aside open space and a possible trail.

VIII. Next Meeting

Monday October 24th, 2016 @7:00 pm

IX. Adjournment

8:25 pm. Motion to adjourn by Wes Smith, seconded by Dick Hutton. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Bailey Secretary