

TOWN OF SOMERS
Open Space and Trails Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 17, 2017, 7:00PM
Town Hall Lower Conference Room

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ann Moses at 7:00PM

II. Members Present:

Ann Moses, Barbara Anderson, Richard Bailey, Patrice Carson, Dominic Wilson, Dick Hutton, Chris Boucher and Todd Rolland

III. Audience:

None

IV. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Patrice Carson to approve the 11/21/16 Minutes as written. Seconded by Dick Hutton. Motion carried.

V. Correspondence:

none

VI. OSTC Project Plan Review:

Tasks 1.1, 1.2. Chris Boucher reported that the new open space section on the Recreation Department website is progressing. The new section including trail descriptions and a calendar of events is expected to be rolled out next month.

Task 1.3. Chris Boucher will post an announcement of the June 3rd Trails Day hike in Somers on the Rec. Dept. Facebook page next month as well as sending out email to those residents registered with the Rec. Dept. The hike will be led by Albie Grant and Ginny Patsun of the NCLT. The Reddington Rock Riding Club will conduct a work party on May 21st to clean up the trail prior to the hike.

Task 1.4. The committee agreed that all town open space boundaries should be walked in the fall after leaves are off to check for encroachment or other issues.

Task 2.5. Nature Area East Side of Camp Rd. Andy Phillips would like to lay out and construct a trail around the proposed wildflower field to fulfill a scoutmaster project requirement. It was suggested that a qualified person be identified to complete a baseline flora and fauna report of the area. Ann Moses will look into this including contacting naturalist Jane Seymour at DEEP for suggestions.

Task 3.4. Richard Bailey will give Todd a design for the lower bridge to be approved by an engineer. Ann Moses said that railings were suggested for the upper bridge for equestrian use but were not needed for the lower bridge.

VII. Old Business

Wyatt Garber is collecting quotes for materials for the information kiosk at Camp Aya-Po. The Somers Rotary Club has agreed to help with costs. A map box has been placed at the Aya Po parking area to provide hikers with maps of the area until the kiosk is completed.

VIII. New Business

Todd reported that lighting will be added to illuminate the Aya Po parking area. This should help reduce unauthorized use of the area after sunset which has become an issue.

Dom Wilson reported that dirt bikes are using the trail to Perkins Mountain, entering off Mountain Road. Blocking this trail entrance and erecting a sign was suggested.

Richard Bailey suggested that a spring hike be held at Aya Po in May. He will lead the hike on a date TBD.

VIII. Next Meeting

Monday May 15th, 2017 @7:00 pm.

IX. Adjournment

8:08 pm. Motion to adjourn by Patrice Carson, seconded by Barbara Anderson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Bailey

Secretary