

TOWN OF SOMERS
Open Space and Trails Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 18, 2018, 7:00PM
Town Hall Lower Conference Room

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ann Moses at 7:01PM

II. Members Present:

Ann Moses, Barbara Anderson, Richard Bailey, Dominic Wilson, Dick Hutton, and Todd Rolland

III. Audience: None

IV. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Dick Hutton to approve the 5/21/2018 Minutes as written. Seconded by Richard Bailey. Motion carried.

V. Correspondence: None

VI. Old Business:

OSTC Project Plan Review:

Task 1.1, Trail Guide. The event calendar has been added to the Hiking and Trails page on the Rec. Dept. webpage. The calendar creates a space where all town trails related activities can be posted regardless of the hosting organization. Event information to be included should be sent to Chris Boucher. Dick Hutton suggested that hard copies the Trail Guide be made available so that residents who do not have internet access are aware of trails in Somers. Copies could either be mailed to residents or made available in local businesses as well as the town hall and library. DG Graphics was suggested as a printer.

Task 1.3. A Trails Weekend hike co-sponsored by NCLT and SOSTC was held on June 2nd with 12 people participating. The group was split with half hiking Whitaker Woods and half going from Whitaker Woods to the summit of Soapstone Mountain.

Section 2 – Camp Aya-Po

Richard Bailey led a public hike around the Lakeside Trail at Camp Aya-Po on June 9th with 11 people attending.

The meadow at Camp Aya Po south of Camp Road has been brush-hogged to prevent the spread of woody vegetation. This maintenance will be continued at least once a year to prevent the area from becoming wooded.

The Lakeside Trail will need a work party later this year to cut new vegetation encroaching on the treadway. The Somers Rotary Club sponsors the trail and should be involved in planning the work.

Section 3 – Forest View Trail

On May 20th five RRRRC volunteers cleared the north and south forest view trails to prepare for the Trails Weekend hike.

Work parties are planned for Saturday June 23rd and Sunday June 24th to begin construction of the lower bridge and boardwalk.

Section 5- New/Potential OSTC Areas

Todd Roland reported that The Somersville Mill demolition is complete. Once fences are erected at the top of the walls beside the river to prevent falls, the chain-link fence surrounding the area will be removed. To date no developers have expressed an interest in the area. After the fence is removed, the committee will start investigating construction of a trail linking the Somersville site to an existing trail to the west on state land.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next SOSTC meeting is scheduled for Monday July 16th at 7:00 PM.

X. Adjournment

8:06 pm. Motion to adjourn by Dick Hutton, seconded by Barbara Anderson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Bailey

Secretary