

TOWN OF SOMERS
Open Space and Trails Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 18th, 2019, 7:00PM
Town Hall Lower Conference Room

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ann Moses at 7:10PM

II. Members Present:

Ann Moses, Wes Smith, Barbara Anderson, Richard Bailey, Dom Wilson, Chris Boucher and Todd Rolland

III. Audience: None

IV. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Barbara Anderson to approve the 11/19/2018 Minutes as written. Seconded by Chris Boucher. Motion carried.

V. Correspondence: A letter was received from Drew Kukucka expressing his interest in joining the committee. Drew's resume was included. A motion was made by Wes Smith and seconded by Barbara Anderson to recommend that Drew be added to the committee. A letter including this recommendation and Drew's resume will be sent to the BOS.

A donation of \$250 has been received from the Shenipsit Striders for our help in coordinating the recent Moonlight Run at Camp Aya Po. The money will be placed in a special account earmarked for OSTC use.

VI. Old Business:

OSTC Project Plan Review:

Task 1.1, Trail Guide.

All suggested modifications to the guide have been completed and the committee agreed that it is ready for printing and distribution.

Section 2 – Camp Aya-Po

Richard Bailey will lead a work party of OSTC volunteers to work on the Lakeside Trail on April 7th.

Section 5 – Somersville Mill Trail

The committee agreed that a work party should be held in the middle of May to work on the new Somersville Mill Trail including the construction of a couple of small bridges. A walk for committee members to visit the location and plan work to be done will be scheduled for the first part of May.

Todd Roland reported that a proposal for mixed use development of the mill site is being reviewed. It is anticipated that the complete approval process will take several years before construction could start.

Shenipsit Striders Moonlight Run

Dom Wilson reported that 53 people participated in the Moonlight Run on February 16th. Due to icy conditions, only 10 participants did the run, with the remainder doing the walk around Hurds Lake. The fire in the fireplace and the hot chocolate were a big success. It was suggested that s'mores be included next year. Ann Moses suggested that benches be placed around the fireplace to make it a focal point for future activities.

VII. New Business

National Trails Weekend is June 1st and 2nd. Albie Grant will be leading his normal hike to Soapstone Mountain. Ann Moses is planning to lead a RRRC work party on May 18th or 19th to ensure that the Forest View trail is in good shape prior to the hike.

Chris Boucher reported that submissions for the May 1st edition of Wicked Good News are due by mid-April. Chris will write about National Trails Day and Somers events.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next SOSTC meeting is scheduled for Monday April 15th at 7:00 PM.

IX. Adjournment

7:45 pm. Motion to adjourn by Wes Smith, seconded by Barbara Anderson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Bailey

Secretary