

TOWN OF SOMERS
Open Space and Trails Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 15th, 2019, 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, Wes Smith, Barbara Anderson, Richard Bailey, Dom Wilson, Dick Hutton, Drew Kukucka and Andy Phillips

III. Audience: None

IV. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Wes Smith to approve the 3/18/2019 Minutes as written. Seconded by Barbara Anderson. Motion carried.

V. Correspondence: None

VI. Old Business: Ann introduced Drew Kukucka as a new committee member. Drew is a DEEP employee and outdoor enthusiast. In addition to the OSTC he is also a member of the Somers Conservation Commission.

Dick Hutton reported that 2,500 copies of the new Somers Trail Guide have been printed and are ready to be distributed to various locations in Somers. Dick also had looked on-line for plastic holders that businesses could use to display the guides. Dom Wilson ordered 25 holders from an on-line source. It was also suggested that an open brochure be placed at Aya Po behind the kiosk Plexiglas.

OSTC Project Plan Review:

Section 2 – Camp Aya-Po

On April 7th Richard Bailey led a work party at Camp Aya Po during which thirteen OCTC volunteers spent a total of 31 hours clearing vegetation along the Lakeside Trail as well as removing trash from the trail and along Camp Road.

Section 5 – Somersville Mill Trail

On Tuesday Apr. 23rd Dom, Wes and Richard will walk the trail to plan the work to be completed during a work party to be scheduled for the middle of May

VII. New Business

Drew reported that a property owner on County Road has been cutting trees on the side of Bald Mountain behind his house. Drew believes the cutting may extend onto the town owned open space parcel. If a visit to the site appears to show cutting on town land, Tree Warden Todd Roland will be made aware of the issue.

Dom reported that an ATV trail is crossing the South Forest View trail on the hillside before the trail enters the state forest and continuing into the state land. Drew will speak to a DEEP conservation officer about this ongoing problem.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next SOSTC meeting is scheduled for Monday May 20th at 7:00 PM.

IX. Adjournment

8:07 pm. Motion to adjourn by Wes Smith, seconded by Barbara Anderson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Bailey

Secretary