

TOWN OF SOMERS
Open Space and Trails Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday September 19th, 2022, 7:00 PM
Town Hall Auditorium

I. Call to Order:

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

II. Members Present:

Ann Moses, Barbara Anderson, Richard Bailey, Patrice Carson, Chuck Carson, Brad Dolben, Mike Blouin, Debra Romano (via phone), Joan Sears, Maureen Parsell and Todd Rolland

III. Audience: None

IV. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Mike Blouin to approve the 6/20/2022 minutes as written. Seconded by Joan Sears. Motion carried.

V. Correspondence: None

VI. Old Business

Boy Scout Jack Logan has completed his eagle project to install two benches along the lakeside trail at Camp Aya. His fund raising for the project resulted in an excess of \$137.48 which he has donated to the OSTC.

A representative from DEEP has met with Todd and Ann to further discuss the possibility of stocking Hurds Lake. He could find no record of the lake being stocked in the past although Todd recalled that it was stocked about 12 years ago. DEEP will schedule a fish survey of Hurds Lake for this fall, probably in October. They will also continue conducting an angler fish count. These activities will be used to determine estimated fish types and numbers currently in the lake.

VII. New Business

A work party will be scheduled for Oct. 1st to conduct maintenance on the Somersville Mill Trail.

There are no updates on plans to correct deficiencies in the Hurds Lake dam or on the possible pedestrian bridge across the Scantic at the Somersville Mill site.

There is continued interest in maintaining and expanding the butterfly meadow at Camp Aya Po created by the Girl Scouts earlier this year.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next SOSTC meeting is scheduled for Monday October 17th 2022 at 7:00 PM.

IX. Adjournment

7:30 pm. Motion to adjourn by Patrice Carson, seconded by Barbara Anderson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Bailey - Secretary