

**Open Space and Trails Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 17th, 7:00 pm
Town Hall, Auditorium**

- A. Call to order,
The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ann Moses at 7:03 PM
- B. Members present
Ann Moses, Eileen Blouin (by phone), Barbara Anderson, Brad Dolben, Chuck Carson, Debra Romano (by phone), Dominic Wilson, Joan Sears, Michael Blouin, Maureen Parsell, and Todd Rolland
- C. Audience
Ann introduced April Kelly, a High School senior working on a Capstone project. April's project is the study of Open Space and Trail usage in the town.
- D. Approval of prior meeting minutes
Joan Sears motioned to approve the minutes of 09/19/2022 as presented, Michael Blouin seconded, all were in favor, no opposed, motion carried.
- E. Correspondence
Email correspondence received from Matt Devine, under old business below.
- F. Old Business
- a. Work party report from October 1, 2022.
 - i. The work party was rescheduled from 10/1 to 10/16. Richard Bailey, April Kelly, and her mother worked three (3) hours removing Japanese knotweed from the Somersville Mill Trail.
 - b. DEEP Bureau of Natural Resources is collecting fish community and water quality samples tomorrow, October 20. From Matt Devine: We've finalized a date for our fish community and water quality sample of Hurds Pond! We plan to sample the night of Thursday, 10/20. We will have a full crew but can likely accommodate another if someone is interested. I'll be providing a detailed update on our findings after the sample. As a reminder, this sample will take place after dark.
 - i. Ann updated the group on the coming DEEP activities at Hurds Lake
 - c. Project Plan Review
 - i. Ann explained the project plan to April

G. New Business

- a. Ann briefed the group on the recommendations and final report drafted by the Aya Po Ad-Hoc Committee. The final report will be presented to the Board of Selectmen on Thursday, 10/20/2022.

H. Opportunity to add agenda items

- a. None

I. Next Meeting – November 21st, 2022

J. Adjournment

- a. Barbara Anderson motioned to adjourn at 7:54 PM, Brad Dolben seconded, all were in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Todd Rolland - Liaison