



TOWN OF ELLINGTON

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AD HOC ELLINGTON
TRAILS COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2020
Via Teleconference

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lauren Desrocher, Rachel Dearborn, Linda Anderson, Cynthia van Zelm, Valerie Amsel, Lois Timms-Ferrara, Pam McCormick

MEMBERS ABSENT: Erin Stavens, Judi Manfre, Ann McLaughlin

I. Call to Order

Chairman Desrocher called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

II. New Business

A. Actions Regarding Pandemic Response

Ms. Desrocher acknowledged the current difficulties of working on Trails projects during the pandemic and encouraged members who wish to continue work independently to strictly adhere to the Governor's guidelines regarding hygiene, physical distancing and wearing masks. Ms. Desrocher has updated the Committee's Facebook page to reflect CT DEEP guidelines for hiking and other outdoor recreation safety. Ms. Desrocher asked that any members who wish to continue working on projects independently to share photos of their work. Photos and other communications regarding progress on trails and other projects will be shared on the Facebook page.

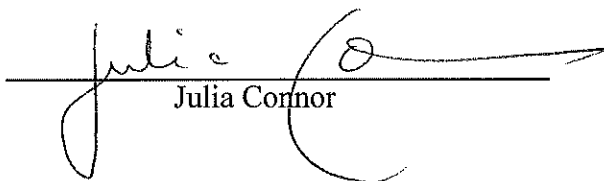
The Committee discussed the likely cancellation of the Trail of Treats event for this year. The final decision will be made later this summer.

III. Other Business

The Committee agreed that the Batz Sensory Garden project will be an ideal goal for the 2020 summer season, as the Committee's educational programming must be cancelled. The Sensory Garden will be a gift to the community, which all can enjoy safely in these difficult times. Ms. Anderson suggested the construction of a barefoot sensory path between garden beds and Ms. Amsel was willing to take the project forward. Ms. Amsel will also be refurbishing the kiosk at the Batz Property; further details of this project will be communicated to the members by email.

IV. Adjournment

MOVED (DESROCHER), SECONDED (ANDERSON) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO
ADJOURN THE TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 6:37 PM.

Submitted by  _____
Julia Connor