

TOWN OF ELLINGTON

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AD HOC ELLINGTON
TRAILS COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2019
Town Hall Meeting Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Valerie Amsel, Judi Manfre, Lauren Desrocher, Rachel Dearborn, Lois Timms-Ferrara, Pam McCormick

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cheri Murphy, Linda Anderson, Cynthia van Zelm, Erin Stavens

OTHERS PRESENT: Bruce Dinnie, Gary and Marie Bedor

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lauren Desrocher called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

II. CITIZENS FORUM: Gary and Marie Bedor introduced themselves. They are interested in helping with the trails.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED (DESROCHER), SECONDED (MANFRE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MAY 1, 2019 MEETING MINUTES.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Trails Day Recap

Trails Day was a success. There were 28 total participants total, with nine kids joining the hike. The information was sent to the Connecticut Forest & Park Association. The Committee is planning to participate again next year; they received great feedback. The Decide to Be Kind rocks that were placed along the trail were a great addition.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Secretary Resignation.

Mrs. Desrocher stated that Cheri Murphy has submitted a request to terminate her position on the Trails Committee due to her overcommitted schedule; she wishes to allow someone who has more time to work with the Committee. The members all expressed their appreciation for all of her efforts and will discuss further action at the August meeting when more members are present.

B. Cancel the July meeting.

Due to lack of availability, there was discussion to cancel the July meeting and just meet in August.

MOVED (DESROCHER), SECONDED (MCCORMICK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO CANCEL THE MEETING ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR JULY 3, 2019.

C. Boy Scouts

There are several Boy Scouts that need to fill some hours of conservation work. Their preferred times are Saturday, June 15th and Saturday, June 22nd, from 7:00-10:00 am. Judi Manfre will be leading a cleanup with Decide to Be Kind on June 22nd from 9:00-11:00 am and will reach out to Dustin Huguenin to make arrangements for the Boy Scouts to help then.

The Boy Scout cleanup at Batz has been cancelled for June 22nd, and rescheduled for June 15th from 4:00-6:00 pm. Valerie Amsel is working with them. They will work on the trail on the north side of the property. Ms. Amsel will also be leading the Boy Scout Pack 77 Hike at Kimball Forest on Saturday.

D. Farmers Market

The Committee is going to participate at the Farmers Market on Community Day, August 31st. Members are needed to staff the table, but there are no volunteers so far. At the August meeting, this will be discussed further once everyone has a chance to check their schedules.

E. 2019 Events Calendar

The Botanist/Plant ID Walk at the Batz Property is scheduled for July 27th from 11:00 am-1:00 pm.

VI. Sub-Committee Reports

A. Treasurer: Lois Timms-Ferrara reported that she is still collecting any invoices that people have and that they are being reimbursed.

B. Planning & Development: Rachel Dearborn reported that Public Works is in agreement that the running path at Brookside should be one mile long. About 280' need to be added to the loop and once the path is finalized it will be painted with a single white line this year.

Ms. Dearborn also reported that Kimball is ready to start flagging out the north trail extension. There are two 12' bridges needed to complete this extension.

C. Maintenance: Ms. Amsel put together a tool box for the committee to use as needed for events.

Pam McCormick stated that there is a pile of dirt dumped next to the puddle at the Windermere Ave entrance to the Windermere Trail. It has not been spread yet.

D. Community Outreach: Chairman Desrocher will be posting the Decide to Be Kind cleanup on the Committee Facebook page.


E. Trail of Treats: Ms. Amsel reported that they are working through the details. The Committee received a donation of an easy up canopy from Dave Stavens/Barber Utilities for Trails events.

Ms. Timms-Ferrara is working on creating a separate fund for Trail of Treat donations.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED (DESROCHER), SECONDED (TIMMS-FERRARA) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 6:53 PM.

Submitted by


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