

TRAILS COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR MAY 26, 2015

Present: Milt Wright, Hank Laidlaw, Jeannie Harris, Bob Harris, Lydia Adelson, Rob Peale

Gary Keilty, Ann Keilty, Ken Clark, Chris Sammons, Nancy Buker, Will Harris

Excused: Romaine Turyn, Karen Peterson

Meeting called to order at 6:30

Secretary's minutes of April 28th were approved with 2 abstentions

Milt Wright will submit and pay for an ad to the Community Advertiser explaining why a yes vote is needed on the 3 Trail warrants on the Secret Ballot.

Ballfield Committee – Milt reported that a Porta Potty will be placed at the Fairground Complex. There was concern regarding cars parking along the side of Church Road. This is a safety issue. (A new sign has been erected near the entrance stating "caution recreation area"). Will reminded us that this is a multi-use Fairground Complex.

Will Harris reported on the trail work done on the Mill Stream Trail. Work was done on May 17th by a large crew from our committee and other volunteers. Bob Bittar also has some ideas that will extend the trail on to his property. This extension, if completed will NOT use ANY town funds!

Hank Laidlaw reported on the site visit to the capped landfill on North Road. Several of our members along with Andy Tolman walked this site on May 17th. It was a good trip even with the ticks that joined the group. Rob spoke of the esker and an old beaver bog on the land. Discussion about whether this could be a year around trail. It will be fine in the dry times but wet in the spring. There could be winter use for skiing. Lenny Raye has expressed to Gary an interest in working with us regarding the gate. The gate will have to be moved back and gravel applied for parking. Ann made a motion "After July 1st we will begin the design and creation on a trail to provide public access to the capped landfill/esker trail. We will be working in consultation with the Select Board." Ken Clark seconded this.

Will Harris reported on the Factory Square /Bob Bittar/ Planning Board situation. Bob envisions opening a Community Center.

Rob Peale reported on the construction of a trail extension at KLT Echo 1 property. Rob and Milt have cleared and marked the route. Howard Lake worked on a trail toward a Beaver Dam. KLT has built a wooden viewing stand overlooking open water areas.

Fairgrounds Complex – Jerry will mark the trail where signs will be placed. Mark Birtwell will ditch an area approx. 200 ft. at the lower end of the McDouglaud Trail to prevent erosion from the ball field from washing over that section of the trail. We discussed the concern about the size of the existing parking lot and the safety issue of cars parking along the road. Milt told of the poison ivy near the entrance of the complex and near the ballfield. He will discuss this with Tim Sniffen.

Gary reported on the guest speaker remarks at an Augusta Trails Meeting regarding public awareness. More to come.

Milt reported on work to be done around the Union Meeting House to finish our Community Pathway. Bluestone will be delivered after the June 9th election.

Ken Clark reported on the long range planning he, Hank and Lydia are working on. We all appreciate the goal setting and recognize that this will be a great help to us.

Nancy Buker will explain at the next meeting an article that was passed a few years back at a Town Meeting which will allow gifts and bequeaths to committees to remain in perpetuity and do not have to be spent in a fiscal year.

Other business: All were invited to a Party at Milt's home after the June 23rd meeting to thank him for his many years of chairmanship. We will try to keep the business meeting as short as possible so we can celebrate this event.

Ann Keilty

Substitute Secretary