

## Thompson Trails Committee MINUTES June 4, 2018, Thompson Town Hall

In attendance: Karen Durlach, John Kochinkas, Mike Lajeunesse, Lucille Langlois, Brian Loffredo, Charlie Obert, David Ostrowski; David Barber, Ken Butkiewicz; Angela Angela Newell, Recreation Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. at the Thompson Town Hall. Lucille volunteered to be moderator. Motion made & seconded to accept the minutes of April 2, 2018. All in favor. Agenda revised to move Turkey Trot earlier.

### **Correspondence:**

- invitation to participate in Community Day

**Finances:** no new report

### **Turkey Trot November 11, 2018**

Agreement that Turkey Trot should be held

Angela expanded job list from Rob Paton:

- responsibilities of Rec. Dpt. and TEEG separated out (list to come); awaiting confirmation by Putnam Bank as Title Sponsor; then flyers can be completed
- Chelsea from TEEG volunteered to work with Racewire
- TEEG will again recruit teams from the schools; will not be asked to take on new jobs
- Brian volunteered to take on Race Chairperson position, including overseeing Sponsorship Committee, assuming additional help from the rest of Trails Committee; may be additional co-chair from Econ. Dev. Comm.; John will set the course; Frank McGarry will contact previous sponsors; Charlie will talk to school contacts about distributing Trot flyers at other races

### **Tools & Equipment:**

Waiting for prices on storage unit; access at Highway Garage

John, Charlie making use of new tools for Air Line Trail clean-up

**CT Trail Census Program:** Charlie attended 2018 meeting & receives data from researchers; Charlie & Brian have keys to open & clean counter  
New procedure is to collect 100 intercept surveys, no specific dates/location specified  
Funding needed to continue program (no longer in DEEP budget)

### **Events**

- no activities planned for TLGV Spring Outdoors and June CT Trails Day

### **Trail Updates**

Air Line Trail: stone dust continued from Sunset Hill to Lowell Davis Rd.

DPW needs to know surface needs more compression to withstand horses impact

John, Charlie, +, spent several sessions removing overhanging and fallen trees

Mechanicsville parking lot being overtaken by weeds

***MOTION by Charlie, 2nd by Lucille, to purchase another safety kit. All in favor.***

Bull Hill Trail around soccer field does not yet connect to WLT Bull Hill parcels; private landowners between; WLT to pursue & advised no action by Trails Committee

### **Goals/In Progress**

- Benches & horse mounting blocks: Brian & Charlie researching commercial suppliers; (ask Putnam where they got theirs; ask DPW if they have forms to cast concrete sides)
- samples shown of new trail maps developed by NECCOG
- ***MOTION by Charlie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike, for Karen to look into & apply for TLGV grant before July 26 deadline. (For benches & mounting blocks as first priority if fits grant criteria.)***

### **Citizen's Comments/Reports from neighboring towns**

- Ken Butkiewicz, Dudley, reported: rails removed and Quinebaug Rail Trail will be open to public in about 2 weeks from Connecticut line to Schofield Ave.; French River Bridge in the works; natural history signage installed
- David Barber reported: Air Line in Pomfret: Town approved funding administrative costs; bridge construction next year; sewer project this year  
Trail from Mass. Line into Smithfield, RI; bridge crossing Blackstone, to Woonsocket

### **Other Business:**

Charlie researching signage regulations for state and local roads for bike routes; Request to partner with Thompson Historical Society on signs  
Suggestion we ask for line item in next Town budget

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: Monday, August 6, 2018, 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting adjourned 8:48 p.m.