

Thompson Trails Committee MINUTES October 3, 2016, Thompson Town Hall

In attendance: Karen Durlach, John Kochinkas, Mike Lajeunesse, Lucille Langlois, Charlie Obert, David Ostrowski, Rob Paton; David Barber; Brian Loffredo,
The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. at the Thompson Town Hall. Lucille volunteered to be moderator. Mike made a motion, seconded by Charlie, to accept the minutes of August 1; motion carried.

Correspondence:

- Selectmen's office requested current contact information for committee members
- letter from Joe Lewerk of Lisbon asking for advice on setting up a trails committee
- Charlie submitted application to the CT Trails Census program
- Mike reported request from Highway Dept. that we remove overhanging trees on the Airline Trail from Mass. Border, working south to facilitate stonedust application
- reports of trees down on various trails and discussions on how to remove; John will check if fire dpts. have keys to Airline Trail gates
- * John reported encampment on N. Grosv. Pond trail behind Knights; Karen forwarded to First Selectman

Finances: No changes. Balance available as of 1/31/16: \$10, 366.68

Volunteer hours: Karen shared report submitted to TLGV via the Selectmen's office. 764 hours estimated for 10/1/15 —9/30/16. She plans to provide members easier tracking sheets for future recording of time spent.

Events

- WALKTOBER: John led Oct. 1, kayak/hike along N. Grosvenordale Pond
- WALKTOBER: Oct. 9 John will lead Orange Trail hike, Cheney Rd. to Red Bridge Rd.
- 2016 Turkey Trot Nov.13 planning on schedule; Rob confirmed volunteers from our committee

Trail Updates:

- Mike attended a CT Dpt. of Trans. Community Connectivity Program; prioritized the trail connection into Putnam
- Airline: Thompson Highway Dpt. has applied stone dust from Mechanicsville parking to 193. Next phase will be from Mass. border south. Third phase will be from Sanddam Rd. to missing bridge. Bids for repointing abutments of missing bridge behind condos to be assessed December. Ithiel Town covered bridge will not be allowed at that site.
- Blain Bridge: Rep. Joe Courtney encouraging USACE for action
- David Barber presented extensive research on property owners along rail corridor, status of P&W ownership issues and alternative route options

Maps, brochures, web, etc: Karen will be working with Jim Larkin at NECCOG on maps. Also brochure content begun by Dave Barber, and quotes for printing brochures.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: Monday, December 5, 2016, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
Charlie made a motion, seconded by Rob, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 8:39 pm.