

Thompson Trails Committee MINUTES June 3, 2019, Thompson Town Hall

In attendance: Karen Durlach, John Kochinskas, Lucille Langlois, Brian Loffredo, Charlie Obert, David Ostrowski; Paul Provost; Lyann Graff, TLGV; Recreation Director Leslie Munshower; Pat Cheever
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Thompson Town Hall.

Lucille volunteered to moderate. Motion made to accept minutes of April 1 & April 29, 2019. All in favor.
Additions to agenda: Walktober 2019 & idea for “Trail Passport” project

Finances: Motion by Karen, seconded by Lucille, to transfer \$1,294.28 between accounts to cover overage of Equipment purchase (DEEP grant)

Citizen’s Comments: Lyann Graff reminded Committee Walktober events need to be submitted this week

Events:

- **Walktober:** Charlie will see if THS wants to repeat Train Wreck talk;
John will see if he can lead a paddle

- **CT Trails Day & TLGV Spring Outdoors:** *paperwork already submitted for both events*

- 1) Train Wreck talk June 1: 48 participants signed in, groups at 10:00 and at 11:00; positive feedback on research & presentation by Tom Chase & THS, QR codes and signs
- 2) June 2: 11 hiked to Tri-State marker

- **Turkey Trot Nov. 10, 2019:** Recreation Dpt. already contacted Racewire, reserved portapotty, requested pavilion, put on WINY calendar; letters to major sponsors out; singers booked
NEW: “Farm Passport” raffle winners awarded; children’s event in planning stages
- **IDEA for future discussion:** “Trail Passport” project

- **RiMaConn Relay, August, 24, 2019** (Lincoln, RI to Hartford, with full length of Air Line Trail in Thompson in the route): Motion by Charlie, seconded by Brian, to offer the help of Thompson Trails Committee, providing volunteers at exchange points in Thompson leg, pending further details. All in favor less one abstention (Karen). Charlie will further contact with organizers to find out what they might need.
- **Cyclocross March 29, 2020—**Tabled

CT Trail Census: Counter moved to north of East Thompson/New Rd. parking area. 60-80 completed intercept surveys collected June 1-2; 2 hours of calibration completed June 2

T-shirts: Long-sleeved Thompson Trails orange shirts + EDC bought green long-sleeved shirts for Train Wreck talk. 12 shirts sold at events, more at Rec. Dpt. All \$20 (cash or check).

Trail updates:

- Charlie, Paul & Joe Iamartino had discussions with the Butlers of Morning Beckons Farm Trail about merging trails at the Train Wreck site; they are willing to open area of Southbridge spur to the public but need help preventing ATV’s and with upgrading area
- **Air Line Trail:** Requests for DPW help: (in addition to completing stone dust to state line)
 - to use over-the-fence mower to keep brush down along sides of Air Line Trail
 - to move rocks a few feet in at SandDam Rd. parking to allow 2 cars to park face in without sticking out into road
 - paint pedestrian crosswalks at trail crossings on East Thompson Road and at Sanddam Rd.
 - and install “Trail Crossings” signs

Reports from neighboring towns

- distributed Webster Times article about Ken Butkiewicz's successful work on Dudley trail

Goals

- Benches—need specs for consistent design on Air Line Trail from “Twelve Town Task Force” or DEEP (Matt Quinn now the DEEP Ranger for Air Line Trail State Park)
- TLGV grant submitted by THS & EDC for sign planning & design

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: Monday, August 5, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 8:37 p.m.