

Thompson Trails Committee MINUTES April 7, 2014

In attendance: Karen Durlach, Mike Lajeunesse, Al Landry, Lynn Landry, Lucille Langlois, Charlie Obert, David Ostrowski; Larry Groh, John Kochinskas

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Lucille volunteered to act as moderator. Al made a motion, seconded by Charlie, to accept the minutes of March 3; motion carried.

Correspondence

- TLGV submissions for Walktober are due April 24th.
- French River Clean-up is Saturday 4/12

Finances: No changes; still some questions about final 2013 Turkey Trot profits/expenses and how they are recorded. Charlie & Rob will sort this out.

Committee members: Larry Groh and John Kochinskas are interested in working with Trails and will assess how they would like to be involved.

Events

- June 7, 2014 CT Trails Day hike to the Tri-state Marker: Mike already has had people sign up. Details in Recreation brochure. Jim Sali & Scott Robinson will co-lead.
- Walktober: Charlie is considering a bike ride on the Airline Trail; route and co-leaders to be determined.
- 2014 Turkey Trot November 9, can be listed on TLGV events website. Mike will submit. Rob wrote there will be a Trot meeting soon.

Trail Updates:

- Blain Bridge: Mike and Larry will talk to some of those involved that may help move this project forward.
- The Quinebaug River Railroad Bridge off West Dudley Road may be available for taking. Ken Butkiewicz is keeping us updated.
- French River Trail, north of the Knights of Columbus: Charlie, Mike, Karen & David plan to paint blazes 4/11. Paint and brushes donated by Dumas Decorating Center.
- French River Wilsonville Rd. boat access: We looked at maps from Marla Butts and survey of Rudzinski, property conveyed to the town abutting the P&W rail line. Still questions on whether a boat launch is needed there. Mike and Larry will walk the area again to reassess width and access to the river for launch area.
- Spring maintenance: Al and Lynn Landry will be stewarding LeClair and Tamler trails. Karen & David cleaned Fabyan Fisherman's walk; need to go back for a little brush cutting; boat take out across the road has some obstruction that needs removing when water level recedes.
- Airline Trail: New kiosk at New Rd. (32"x 60"). Discussion of what to put up there: historical info on Train Wreck & Tri-State marker; regional maps, other trail maps, list of places to eat or not

Mapping: LeClair: David and Carolyn Werge did mapped GPS data. Questions arose about boundaries and Al will discuss with Andy to resolve.

Other Business

- Mike made a motion, seconded by Karen to send a letter thanking David Jezierski, owner of Dumas Decorating Center, Rt 12, N. Grosvenordale for his donation of paint and brushes; motion carried. Lynn volunteered to do so.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING:

Monday, June 2, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall

Charlie made a motion, seconded by Al, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 8:25 pm.