

Thompson Trails Committee MINUTES June 2, 2014

In attendance: Karen Durlach, Mike Lajeunesse, David Ostrowski, Rob Paton, Alecia Underhill; Tom Ayu, Don Pimental, Gail Livingstone, Jason Livingstone

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Mike volunteered to act as moderator. David made a motion, seconded by Karen, to accept the minutes of April 7; Alecia and Rob abstained; motion carried. Finances were moved to later in the agenda.

Correspondence

- We were invited to participate in Community Day. No member expressed interest in manning a booth.

Presentation by Don Pimental on behalf of Starr Rd. residents. He showed maps of the area impacted and handed out information packets. A letter will be sent from Trails to the Zoning Board explaining we are not advocating an additional parking area leading to the Tri-State marker. Don is available for more information at 860-420-6780.

Events

- June 7, 2014 CT Trails Day hike to the Tri-state Marker: Mike already has 24 registrants. This hike is now listed as one in "The Great Park Pursuit" contest. (People getting pictures of themselves on 7 of these hikes win a free pass to CT state parks.)
- 2014 Turkey Trot November 9: Citizens National Bank confirmed 2014 sponsorship. Race Wire contacted Rob about possible rate hikes. Rob made a motion, seconded by Karen, to sign a 3-year contract with Race Wire offering us a locked-in price at last year's rates.

Trail Updates:

- Rob reported NEMBA (New England Mountain Bike Assoc.) did a day of bench cutting on the USACE Orange Trail off Red Bridge Rd.
- French River Trail, north of the Knights of Columbus: Charlie, Mike, Karen & David painted (yellow) blazes. The far end of the trail needs a work party to bench cut the sloping areas. Mike suggested we contact the landowners north of the property to ask for easements to continue the trail/ask John Monroe for advice.
- French River Wilsonville Rd. boat access: Selectman Paul Lenky is working on access to the river for a launch area/parking behind the current stove shop on Rt 12.
- Airline Trail: Karen attended a presentation about continuing plans by DEEP to complete the Airline and promote the Trail. Marketing videos are in the works. DEEP plans to continue repairing the Thompson section of the Trail this summer. New kiosks are at New Rd., Lowell Davis, and Rt 12, Mechanicsville. Already graffiti seen. Karen completed laminated signs with historical info on Train Wreck, Airline RR & Tri-State marker. Mike made a motion, seconded by Rob, to allocate up to \$100 for kiosk signs including reimbursement to Karen for those already made. Alecia reported erosion already occurring at Sunset Hill and under Rt.100. Mike suggested we look into a covered bridge for the gap behind the condos. Lori Lindquist needs to be notified of any Airline Trail problems or suggestions.

Mapping: LeClair: Al Landry currently resolving border questions with Andy R. of Windham Land Trust.

Finances: Charlie reconciled finances with Renee. Current 2014 Trails balance is \$7668.13

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: Monday, August 4, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall

Karen made a motion, seconded by Rob, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 8:20 pm.