

Thompson Trails Committee MINUTES
Monday, June 5, 2023, 7:00 pm

Link to June 5 Zoom meeting recording:

Zoom:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/ZM8FU1OWxApNEvAilmy-CblB_7Bw9NOAXr-tRqREvK1oUdrcytXRPjPB7hgCkLE-.xNuJfH5_JguXAGTF?startTime=1686006140000

Passcode: fu.E@G70

youTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qtGDojTegUM>

In attendance: Karen Durlach, John Kochinskas, Lucille Langlois, Brian Loffredo, David Ostrowski, Paul Provost; Town Planner Tyra Penn-Gesek; Recreation Director Brian Lievens; LyAnn Graff, TLGV; Valerie Clark; Michael St Lawrence, WLT

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Lucille moderated.

MOTION made & seconded by Brian, to accept minutes of April 3, 2023 with one date correction (Feb. 2022 to 2023). All in favor.

Correspondence:

- Request for map of Culvert Trail. Paul has an updated map he will distribute to Karen & John to post.

Finances: Balance available as of 3/30/23 was \$10,683.36. Since: + sale of 3 shirts at Maker Fair.

Citizen's Comments: LyAnn requested a Committee member to meet her behind Drafters when doing trail assessment. Karen will meet her Wednesday, June 21 about 9am.

Events:

- CT Trails Day paddle cancelled due to cold weather
- Walktober: June 20 deadline for events to TLGV to be in printed schedule
 - John will plan & submit a hike (4 mile route Red Bridge/Cheney Rds. to Blain Bridge)
 - Suggestion: cemetery tour event in conjunction with THS
- 2023 Turkey Trot (Nov. 12): publicity photo taken awarding 2022 check to TEEG; mailing went out to previous sponsors & getting responses; Brian & Amanda working on contacting new sponsors
- Brian brought Trails trailer to "Touch-a-Truck" event

Trail updates:

- John mowed ALSPT from Mass line to Sunset Hill
- The ALSPT Master Plan developed by the 12-Town Task is completed. CTDEEP grant awarded to establish ongoing Board to implement plan, which will be meeting in the fall. Plan available at

 [ALSPT Master Plan WEB.pdf](#)

- Thompson awarded CTDEEP grant of \$457,000 to continue Great East Thompson Train Wreck park project. Next step: J&D Engineering adding some details to the boundary survey requested by Town attorney before review by Butlers' attorney for turntable site. Suggestion to think about an official name for the site, maybe hold a naming contest.
- Brian suggested we prioritize Trails monies for stonedust before other trail amenities. Bike repair station is still pending EDC contribution to funding.
- Karen will contact CTDEEP again about installation of TLGV assessment signs.
- Michael St Lawrence reported WLT awarded CTDEEP grant to fund parking lot at Bull Hill and expecting work to be completed before next winter. JDEngineering has begun survey work.

Social Media/PR/maps

- Brian bought map holders for kiosks and installed one at Lowell Davis that is missing already
- John built a holder for Z-fold maps. Second printing to come.

Reports from neighboring towns

- Putnam's ALSPT plan was only partially funded by CTDEEP and their public meeting has been postponed

Equipment:

- John queried whether he should use regular fuel during mowing season or stick to the special fuel recommended for winter storage, which costs more. Consensus is it is worth the extra expense to save on maintenance later and preserve the equipment.
- John will buy a single log turner (peavey); funds already allocated.

CT Trails Census: report posted to Facebook

Future agenda items: name Train Wreck park site; fall cemetery tour; CT Trails Census

Motion & second to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 8:35 p.m.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: Monday, August 7, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Addenda: **Volunteers needed to help with CT Trails Census counter calibration.**