

Thompson Trails Committee MINUTES

Monday, October 2, 2023, 7:00 pm

Link to October 2 Zoom meeting recording:

Zoom:

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YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=okyen8-2OtY>

In attendance: Karen Durlach, John Kochinskas, Lucille Langlois, Brian Loffredo, David Ostrowski, Paul Provost; Town Planner Tyra Penn-Gesek; Amanda Lincoln, Rec.Dpt.; LyAnn Graff, TLGV

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Lucille moderated.

MOTION made & seconded to accept minutes of August 7. All in favor.

Correspondence:

Letter of thanks from TEEG for funds raised at 2022 Turkey Trot

Finances: No updated report since previous. 2 shirts sold for \$40 at Community Day. New tires purchased for mower.

Events:

• Walktober:

- John leading hike Oct. 14 on Orange Trail (4 mile route Red Bridge/Cheney Rd. to Blain Bridge
- Friday, Oct. 27, 7-9:00 (rain date 10/28) West Thompson Cemetery tour, with John, Amanda & Joe I.

Planning meeting 10/12; walk through 10/22

- positive feedback on Community Day, attended by by Brian, Lucille, John
- 2023 Turkey Trot (Sunday, Nov. 12): next meeting Wed. 10/18;

John will check the race course; Amanda following up on outstanding previous sponsors & contacting new sponsors & Brian Lievense covering operational logistics while Brian Loffredo away; 2023 changes: dogs allowed on Walk; added a non-binary, non-age specific category; sponsor name on mile markers

- Recreation Dpt.'s Tree Festival Dec. 8: *John made a motion seconded by Brian that the Trails Committee sponsor & donate a tree, spending up to \$100 for artificial tree plus decorations. Motion carried, with 2 abstentions.*

Trail updates:

- John repaired bridge railing; plans to mow again; will schedule & announce a workday for weedwacking volunteers needed to cut around posts at gates in Mechanicsville

- ALSPT grant status:
1st grant) Butlers waiting for one legal document; P&Z approved acquisition, needs Selectmens' approval & to send to Town meeting; Tyra working with J&D on RFPs & bid documents but needs input from THS about turntable
2nd grant) hoping for actual construction to start in spring after legal acquisition completed
- 65 Main project: meeting Wed. 6-9:00 at Library; Tyra meeting with permaculture consultant
- Karen to contact Matt Quinn again about ALSPT assessment signs to find out if we can install them and get technical & consistency guidelines

Reports from neighboring towns

- ALSPT 12-Town group still being reorganized with new coordinator & figuring out the roles
- Putnam planning best use of reduced grant funding; met with RR recently; Tyra working with them on joint application for USDOT technical assistance program

Equipment:

- Trails Committee is set up with an account at Carl's in Quinebaug. They will bill town directly. Mower tires purchased there.

Future agenda items: Winter Market & Tree Festival; committee term limits

Motion & second to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 8:26 p.m.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: Monday, December 4, 2023, 7:00 p.m.