

Thompson Trails Committee MINUTES August 4, 2014

In attendance: Karen Durlach, John Kochinskas, Mike Lajeunesse, Charles Obert, David Ostrowski; Selectman Paul Lenky; Scott Benoit, Joan Bernard, Gail Livingstone, Don Pimental, Jim Pimental, Paul Pimental, Mike Salisbury, Amy Thibeuau, Roger Trembly, Sally White; Cherie Monte from WINY

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Mike volunteered to act as moderator. Charlie made a motion, seconded by David, to accept the minutes of June 2 with the correction of Rt. 200 instead of 100 under Airline Trail Updates; motion carried.

Correspondence

We received several emails which will come up under Airline Trail Updates.

Finances: no changes. Some of the past questions were caused by the Trot being on a different calendar year than Thompson's fiscal year. Mike will segregate 2014 and 2015 income for easier reconciliation.

Presentation by Selectman Paul Lenky:

- maps of 3 open space parcels in the New Rd./East Thompson/Starr Rd. area offered to the town
- "stove shop" property: plan to demolish building, provide boat access to the French River & parking

Citizens' Comments

- Don Pimental, 40 Starr Rd, reiterated objections to any road extension/parking beyond the Starr Rd. cul-de-sac
- Sally White, East Thompson, spoke on some procedural issues, advocated for preservation of the historical cart path and asked about contamination at the stove shop site

Events

- Mike reported the June 7, 2014 CT Trails Day hike to the Tri-state Marker was a success with 37 participants plus photo coverage in the June 13 *Reminder*
- 2014 Turkey Trot November 9: There will be a meeting soon to develop the budget. There may be more prizes given out. We need more Walkers and someone or a group to recruit those Walkers.
- no Walktober event planned this year

Trail Updates:

- Airline Trail: Charlie contacted Marla/Wetlands about problem erosion areas. Lori Lindquist needs to be notified of any Airline Trail problems or suggestions. Karen shared email from Laurie Giannotti about continuing plans by DEEP. Suggestion we add to kiosks the phone numbers to call to report erosion problems and to report ATV violations.
- French River Trail, north of the Knights of Columbus: • Mike asked Paul Lenky if we could get a realistic appraisal of the 152 acres now owned by Windham North Properties (Putnam Bank) taking into account the wood turtle habitat report. Then there are 2 grants the Town Planner could apply for. • Paul Lenky reported he already contacted the landowners north of the property to ask for easements to continue the trail and 2 were not interested, being already concerned about current ATV trespassers. • The far end of the trail needs a fall work party to bench cut the sloping areas; possible Boy Scout project.

Mapping: Paul Lenky will get Charlie a name at NECOG to call who can help us figure out what software and GPS device will interface with their equipment to generate new, better trail maps.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: Monday, October 6, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall

Charlie made a motion, seconded by David, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 8:40 pm.