

Thompson Trails Committee MINUTES October 6, 2014

In attendance: Karen Durlach, John Kochinskas, Mike Lajeunesse, Lucille Langlois, Charles Obert, David Ostrowski; Don Pimental, Paul Baer

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Lucille volunteered to act as moderator. Charlie made a motion, seconded by Mike, to accept the minutes of August 4; motion carried.

Motion by Mike, seconded by Charlie, to revise the agenda to move Citizen's Comments to earlier in the schedule; motion carried.

Finances: Mike has been processing deposits from Turkey Trot sponsorships. Mike will keep Charlie updated. Charlie will introduce himself to the new Town Finance Officer.

Citizens' Comments

- Don Pimental informed the Committee about a petition being developed to designate Starr Rd. starting 1400' from New Road to the RI border for non-motorized vehicles use only (with the exception of Emergency Vehicles). Paul Baer clarified some of the history of the area.

Events

- Next 2014 Turkey Trot meeting is Tues. 10/14 7 pm at the library. Mike reported on new vendors and that sponsorships are still in flux.

Trail Updates:

- French River Trail, north of the Knights of Columbus: Carolyn Werge has been providing guidance on the steps to follow to get approval to improve steep areas in the north section. Charlie has mapped areas needing bench cut and erosion controls totally about 150'. **WORK PARTY NEEDED THIS FALL** after approvals.

Charlie showed pictures of truckloads of trash left on a campsite. **WORK PARTY NEEDED THIS FALL** to cleanup. Karen will inquire if highway department can help with removal.

- Selectman Paul Lenky is pursuing negotiations to provide boat access to the French River & parking on the Rt. 12 "stove shop" property.

- Mike reported he has discussed the need for a replacement Blain bridge with Joe Courtney and has a staffer contact.

- Left fork of Fisherman's Trail connecting to Orange Trail: Charlie reported bridge needs to be repositioned again and affixed to concrete abutment. John reported trail beyond cornfield is overgrown, needs some trees cut off path and needs additional blazes. **WORK PARTIES NEEDED THIS FALL.**

- Airline Trail: Airline Sign missing from pole at Sunset Hill Rd. Lori Lindquist <Lori.Lindquist@ct.gov> should to be notified of any Airline Trail problems. Graffiti on Mechanicsville kiosk has been cleaned up.

Mapping: Paul Lenky has 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, December 1, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall

Lucille made a motion, seconded by Charlie, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.