

Thompson Trails Committee MINUTES February 11, 2019, Thompson Town Hall  
“SPECIAL MEETING”

In attendance: Karen Durlach, John Kochinskas, Lucille Langlois, Charlie Obert, David Ostrowski;  
Cheryl Gerwatowski

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. at the Thompson Town Hall.

Lucille volunteered to moderate. Motion made to accept minutes of December 3, 2018. All in favor.

**Correspondence:**

- Notification of the death of Dave Barber, valued trail advocate and supporter
- Resignation of Rob Paton from Trails Committee
- Invitation to offer events on CT Trails Day Weekend June 1 & 2
- TLGV invitation to plan events for Spring Outdoors and Walktober 2019
- Request to disseminate press release by 12-Town Taskforce
- Letter advocating support for restoration of ratepayer money to the CT Conservation & Load Management Fund (source: CT Fund for the Environment)

**Finances:** about \$14,000 available

**Events:**

- **Turkey Trot:** Sponsorships up in 2018; 2019 goal for increase
- Combine **CT Trails Day** & **TLGV Spring Outdoors:** John will plan Tri-State Trail hike for June 2; Charlie will plan Train Wreck talk for June 1
- **Walktober:** John waiting to hear when **Community Day 2019** is scheduled

**Branding Committee meeting report:** Charlie & Brian advocated for the benefits of Recreation within Thompson in the planning for Town economic development. Discussions shared on redesigned trail parking, bridges, road crossings, zoning, mill redevelopment; WLT acquisitions

**Trail updates:**

- Air Line Trail:
  - Stone dust application expected to continue in spring
  - Rocks & gate positions need adjustments for horseback rider access and safety
  - Bridge (north of condos, before Sunset Hill) needs guardrails because horses get spooked
- other trails need to be checked this spring
- talk to Andy Rzeznikiewicz about trail development on WLT parcels

**T-shirts:** *John made a motion, seconded by Charlie, to allocate up to \$1000 for long-sleeved orange shirts with Trails logo, with the expectation we will sell them to recover the expense.*

[Already interest on Trails Facebook page. Order 10 shirts of each, S, M, L, XL, XXL; will ask Rec. Dpt. if they will handle weekday sales; option to sell from Town Hall parking lot Saturday, March 2; Lucille volunteered]

**2019 Goals**

- no news on DEEP Recreational Trails Grant for enclosed trailer
- Charlie winterized equipment
- Air Line Trail Master Plan: Charlie willing to attend 12-Town Taskforce meetings if possible
- Facebook page & web page can use more photos
- 2 additional maps for website expected from NECCOG
- John installed new laminated reprints of Train Wreck, Air Line Trail History, and maps at kiosks

**CT Trail Census:**

- Charlie reported counter okay; requested a second counter; all agreed counter should be moved

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: Monday, April 1, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

New agenda items: Instagram

Meeting adjourned 8:38 p.m.

