

Thompson Trails Committee MINUTES May 2, 2016, Thompson Town Hall

In attendance: Karen Durlach, John Kochinkas, Mike Lajeunesse, Lucille Langlois, Charlie Obert, David Ostrowski, Rob Paton, Alecia Underhill; Tom Ayu

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. at the Thompson Town Hall. Lucille volunteered to be moderator. Charlie made a motion, seconded by Rob, to accept the minutes of February 1; motion carried.

Correspondence:

- Town Planner MaryAnn Chiannati invited members of the committee to attend a Community Connectivity audit of the pedestrian & bike potentials of the Riverside Drive/Main Street loop Monday, May 16. Mike, Charlie and maybe Karen will attend.
- Inquiry about rail trail connectivity from David Barber of Hopedale
- Cathy, USACE reported on 4/23 Earth Day; work still needed on WTL trails, particularly Fabyan and Fisherman's Walk
- John reported the Tri-State Marker Trail is part of the 2016 "Sky's the Limit Challenge"

Finances: Update will be emailed.

Partners:

- Boy Scout troop 66 committed to maintaining Orange Trail, Red Bridge to Brickyard
- No recent response from teacher about Junior Honor Society (Gazebo to Knights)
- Karen made a motion, seconded by Rob to reimburse John for paints/supplies to reblaze Tri-state Marker Trail. All in favor.
- John will explore potential partnering with Susan Wayne Project Adventure
- Girl Scout troop may be adopting Quaddick and/or LeClair

Events

- May 9 lecture on Thompson trails at the Library, 6:30, preceded by TLGV ranger; 6:00
- Mike & crew hiking to Tri-State Marker for CT Trails Day on Sat., June 4. 9:30
- 2016 Turkey Trot Nov.13. Bank committed again to sponsorship; planning on schedule.
- John scheduled a 7.5 mile Walktober hike on Orange Trail, Red Bridge Rd. to Dam & loop around lake

Trail Updates:

- USACE WTL: clean-up needed Fisherman's Walk, clean-up needed Cheney Rd.; more orange blazes & trail maintenance needed Fabyan to Brickyard Rd; Blain Bridge design plans on hold with USACE
- Mike attended UCONN student presentation on Wilsonville boat launch and the 395 interchange; plans submitted
- Talks with Ellis Tech instructor on Ithiel Town bridge on hold
- Airline: trees down that need removal (John notified DEEP); Thompson Dpt. of Public Works has not yet spread stone dust; John inquired of DEEP (scott.dawley@ct.gov) about adding geocaching sites; DEEP exploring new vendor for bridge
- French River easement north of K of C: spring work party to finish bench cut possibly May 14 (Rob, Charlie +?)

GPS unit repaired by NECCOG may be available to pick up this week.

John posting to Facebook page as needed.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: Monday, June 6, 2016, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall

Charlie made a motion, seconded by Lucille, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 8:24 pm.