

## Thompson Trails Committee MINUTES April 3, 2016, Thompson Town Hall

In attendance: Karen Durlach, John Kochinkas, Lucille Langlois, Brian Loffredo, Charlie Obert, David Ostrowski, Rob Paton; Tom Ayau, David Barber; Ken Butkiewicz; Ken Pickren

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. at the Thompson Town Hall. Lucille volunteered to be moderator. Karen made a motion, seconded by John, to accept the minutes of February 6, 2017; motion carried.

### **Correspondence:**

- newspaper article passed around about WLT acquisition of Long Pond and need for stewards
- Putnam let us know they have started a Trails advisory committee and asked for some advice on by-laws, responsibilities, charge, etc.
- TLGV asked if we want to participate in Earth Day fair at QVCC 4/18

**Membership:** Welcomed Brian Loffredo to the Trails Committee

**Finances:** no changes

### **Events**

- CT Trails Day: **Ribbon Cutting -- Grand Opening of the Air Line State Park Trail** NOON April 4. Charlie invited DEEP and D.O.T. representatives. Posted on <https://www.ctwoodlands.org/ct-trails-weekend/events-2017/thompson-multiple-activities-record-3568> and John will get info onto Trails Facebook page. Thompson Selectman is coming and media need to be informed. Event advertised as *"ride your bike, horse or walk to our the bridge."* Trails Committee needs to have members in attendance.
- John leading a TLGV "Geocaching 101" event Sunday April 30, 10:00 am-2:00 pm starting at the east Thompson Rd./New Rd. parking area.

**CT Trails Census program:** Charlie will be receiving a trail use counter report in April on the counter installed on the Air Line Trail near Lowell Davis crossing. Trails Committee members need to collect data for Counter Calibration before December and need to attend a training on doing Intercept Surveys on the trail during specific weeks in May and September. Charlie is hoping to arrange training for us closer to Thompson.

### **Connectivity:**

- Delpha Very, of Putnam Economic & Community Development Committee, will be holding the first Putnam Trails advisory committee meeting some time in April
- No response yet to letter sent to Genesee & Wyoming; Karen will follow up. David Barber and Ken Pickren gave report on rail bed conditions; Ken Butkiewicz added information & maps on the Dudley connectors

### **Trail Updates:**

- Charlie exploring pedestrian access to Air Line Trail from Rt. 12, Grosvenordale
- folks haven't been out on trails since recent storms
- April is Thomspson roadside clean-up

**Maps:** Karen will be meeting with Jim Larkin to generate new maps from collected gps data. One goal is for each map to be a page on Thompson's website and then be accessed by QR code at each trailhead.

Selectman reported Thompson website to be upgraded.

**Reports from neighboring towns:**

David Barber reported on the completion of the Uxbridge/Blackstone/Millville project and already having heavy useage.

**Other Business:**

Motion made by Charlie, seconded by Rob to purchase 25 T-shirts with Thompson Trails Committee logo, name, and "Take a Hike" on them, spending no more than \$300. Motion carried. John will get prices.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: Monday, June 5, 2017, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall

Charlie made a motion, seconded by Rob, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 8:43 pm.