

Thompson Trails Committee MINUTES December 4, 2017, Thompson Town Hall

In attendance: Karen Durlach, John Kochinkas, Mike Lajeunesse, Brian Loffredo, Charlie Obert, David Ostrowski; David Barber, Ken Butkiewicz;

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. at the Thompson Town Hall. Mike volunteered to be moderator. Charlie made a motion, seconded by Brian to accept the minutes of October 2, and November 6, 2017; all in favor.

Correspondence:

- Request for committee member to represent Trails on the Branding Committee; Brian Loffredo volunteered.

Finances: Turkey Trot finances not final yet; to date, raised approx. \$3809.87 for TEEG, \$1904.94 each for Rec. Dpt. & Trails

Volunteer Tracking:

To be recorded: Date, project, number of hours, any travel & expenses
Submit each meeting. February meeting turn in hours since Oct. 1, 2017

DEEP Grant:

Bids for major equipment and volunteer hours turned in to Town Planner and submitted to State. Waiting for funds.

Events

- Turkey Trot November 12, 2017: needs a Trails member on the event planning committee to replace Rob Paton
- Walktober: John led Oct. 7 Orange Trail hike with 14 participants, and Oct. 28 Tri-State Marker Trail hike with 30-40 participants; no one registered for Air Line bike ride

Ithiel Town Bridge

- Selectmen gave their blessing to the project and agreed to storing bridge at the Highway Garage; no Town money will be allocated for this project
- Charlie, David & Dave Barber went up to NH to inspect the bridge condition, got dimension; waiting for CONNDOT information on specs for 193 road crossing; waiting for transportation cost estimates
- other options discussed for funding, site locations, building new

Outreach/PR

- corrections for Wikipedia reviewed
- waiting for Jim Larkin, NECCOG to continue map updates

CT Trail Census:

Charlie & volunteers did 2 intercepts (with more activity recorded at New Rd. parking area than at the other end of the Trail last spring)

Reports from neighboring towns:

- Putnam appointed 5-member Trails Committee Nov. 5; has not met yet
- Dave Barber reported on progress in Blackstone area
- Dudley has cleared Quinebaug River Rail Trail from Carpenter Rd. to Rt. 12

Other:

Meeting dates for 2018: Feb. 5, April 2, June 4, Aug. 6, Oct. 1, Dec. 3

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: Monday, February 5, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 8:47pm.