

Thompson Trails Committee MINUTES December 3, 2108, Thompson Town Hall

In attendance: Karen Durlach, John Kochinkas, Mike Lajeunesse, Lucille Langlois, Brian Loffredo, Charlie Obert, David Ostrowski; Selectman Ken Beausoleil; UCONN Engineering Prof. Howard Epstein and 3 UCONN Engineering students (see below)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Thompson Town Hall.

Lucille volunteered to moderate. Motion made to accept minutes of October 1, 2018. All in favor.

UCONN Engineering Presentation: Air Line Trail Bridge Design (to cross over Rt. 193)

Benjamin Hipsky, team leader, introduced the team, the data collected thus far and explained the timeline for this design work as their senior project, expected to be complete in May 2019;

Ben is responsible for abutment/wall design

Peter Kamianowski is responsible for bridge design

Jacob Marganski is responsible for site design & hydraulics and CAD data

Discussion: masonry wall design options, bridge materials, deck materials, CONNDOT requirements, drainage, pedestrian/bike access from 193, ADA access, parking

Charlie will locate & send photos of old bridge abutments to UCONN designers

Events:

• **Turkey Trot November 11, 2018:** Success despite unusual wet conditions.

Predicted income to Trails Comm. & Rec. Dpt. \$1890.47 each; double that for TEEG

Follow-up Turkey Trot committee meeting **12/4, 7pm**

• Community Day Saturday Oct. 6: John, Charlie, Mike, Brian, Lucille attended; reported lower attendance than previously; many suggestions (should be submitted to Rec. Dpt.)

Finances: specific report when Turkey Trot finalized

Brian submitted his volunteer hours to Walmart and expects employer to donate \$250 to Trails Comm.

Trail updates:

Air Line Trail:

• Stone dust supply expected in spring

• Thompson Historical Society has had surveyor at Train Wreck site to pinpoint turntable and wreck locations; planning to restore livestock bridge deck with donated logs being cut at OSV and would like our help with installation; supporting structure sound; new owners of “hermit cave” adverse to public access

• Twelve Town Taskforce to hold first meeting in January on Air Line Trail Master Plan

Grants:

• DEEP Recreational Trails Grant for an enclosed trailer for tools & equipment submitted; in meantime, trailers available for reasonable daily rent

Equipment: Charlie will winterize chain saws and UTV

Public Relations & Social Media:

• Motion by Mike, seconded by Charlie, to allow “All Trails” website to upload our maps. All in favor.

• Decal quotes presented—on hold (quantity and sizes) until we decide more applications

• Requests for more T-shirts: discussion on color, material, style & selling them to supporters; Karen to get quotes on long-sleeved, orange, in cotton and wicking fabrics

- Motion by Charlie, seconded by Mike to get ONE case of copier paper to continue furnishing trail maps
- new laminated reprints of Train Wreck, Air Line Trail History, and maps completed for installation at kiosks

CT Trail Census:

- Charlie now on steering committee
- Charlie will request a second counter again

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: Monday, February 4, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

New agenda items: 2019 Goals, t-shirts, web page changes

Meeting adjourned 8:58 p.m.