

Thompson Trails Committee MINUTES April 6, 2015

In attendance: Karen Durlach, John Kochinskas, Mike Lajeunesse, David Ostrowski, Rob Paton; Tom Ayu, Town Planner MaryAnn Chinatti, USACE Ed Greenough, Civil Engineer Charles Elias

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. at the Thompson Town Hall. Charlie volunteered to be moderator. Mike made a motion, seconded by Rob, to accept the minutes of March 2; motion carried.

Correspondence:

- Letter from First Selectman Paul Lenky thanking the Committee for \$1500 donation to engineering phase of Blain Bridge project.
- Articles on cuts in Gov. Malloy's proposed 2015-16 CT budget from CT's conservation programs. Notice that State Senator Flexer and Rep. Danny Rovero will be at the Thompson library Sat. 4/18 10:00-noon.
- Lori Lindquist is interested in coming to one of our meetings.

Finances:

No updated financial summary.

Events

- CT Trails Day: Saturday, June 6, 9:30 a.m. Mike, John, & Scott Robinson will lead a hike to the Tri-State Marker. Pre-registration will go through Recreation website.
- 2015 Turkey Trot: Citizen's National Bank confirmed as \$2500 sponsor. April 27 is next sponsor sub-committee meeting. May 11 is next full committee meeting.
- Walktober: John & Rob planning an event, probably biking, at Thompson Dam, including historical background on the Blain Bridge.

Trail Updates:

- Looking into organizations to partner with which will adopt trails for regular clean up and monitoring.
- French River: John & Charlie will do an initial check and suggest dates for a work party to complete bench cut. Karen to check on garbage removal by highway dept. and logs for us to use.
- Stove shop property: Karen will convey to Selectmen our interest in boat launch, parking and possible park.
- Airline: Any problem areas should be reported to Lori Lindquist or via Karen. Suggested that Marianapolis be asked to adopt section of trail near their property for maintenance.
- Blain Bridge: informational session with USACE Supervising Park Ranger Ed Greenough and Civil Engineer Charles Elias, PE, from George Torello Engineers, Essex, CT who will be supervising the UCONN engineering students. Goal: engineering plans for new concrete abutments to raise deck height 8 feet over previous bridge to accommodate a 6 foot wide prefab foot bridge, retaining existing stone abutments for historical value. Hydraulic analysis necessary. Approvals needed from Inland Wetlands, Planning & Zoning, USACE, & maybe DEEP. Time frame: UCONN students will complete work next fall and winter semesters. A meeting is set for April 9, 1:00 pm at the USACE office with all the students; Trails Committee is welcome to attend.

Mapping: Jim Larkin from NECCOG will be coming to train us on GPS units we can borrow to plot trails Monday, May 4, 7:00 pm at Town Hall.

Other Business:

- Rob made a motion, seconded by Mike, to **donate \$250 to Wyndam Land Trust to honor Howard Peck.**

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: Monday, June 1, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall

GPS workshop: Monday, May 4, 7:00 pm at Town Hall.

Rob made a motion, seconded by John, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 8:40 pm.