

Thompson Trails Committee MINUTES August 3, 2015

In attendance: Karen Durlach, John Kochinskas, Mike Lajeunesse, Charlie Obert, David Ostrowski, Rob Paton; Steve Herbert

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Thompson Town Hall. Mike volunteered to be moderator. Charlie made a motion, seconded by Rob, to accept the minutes of June 1; motion carried. No correspondence. No financial changes.

Partners

When school opens, John will recontact advisor for National Junior Honor Society which will adopt the French River Trail from Gazebo north. Karen will contact Troop 66. Charlie has been coordinating efforts to form partnerships with the East Coast Greenway, Friends of the Titanic Rail Trail, TLGV and others. Info table will be set up 8/7 & 8/8 at First Friday in Putnam and at Putnam River Fire.

Events

- June 6 CT Trails Day to the Tri-State Marker was a success with 26 participants, and with some following on to local businesses afterwards
- John plans to be at Thompson Community Day Sept. 27 with TLGV and will display/distribute our trails materials. Karen will coordinate with Lynn about our display and getting maps to distribute. NECCOG may have additional maps by then.
- Walktober:
 - 1) John will co-lead a hike to Tri-State marker with TLGV.
 - 2) John & Rob bike ride at Thompson Dam Oct. 11.
 - 3) Charlie scheduled bike ride on the Airline from Mechanicville to Douglas for Oct. 3.
- 2015 Turkey Trot plans on schedule; sponsorship funds coming in; Title Sponsor CNB has a new logo which should be corrected on all materials

Trail Updates:

- French River: Another work party will be scheduled in the fall.
- Airline: Members reported on DEEP progress and dramatic cutting done near exit 99. December installation expected for bridge behind condos. Dpt. of Public Works will spread DEEP supplied stonedust but not until September. We will need to supply materials for the Ithiel Town Covered Bridge project and should contact both Lori Lindquist about wood and/or Lauri Giannotti about DEEP grants. We will follow up on a request made for mounting & dismounting blocks for horse riders to be installed near both ends of the 395 overpass bridge.

Facebook page & web

John (& Alecia) monitoring Facebook page; post ideas & pictures needed. Link added to Trails web page. Ask followers for anyone interested in adopting trails or sections of. Geo-caching possibilities. Karen will look at changes needed to website.

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

Charlie made a motion, seconded by David, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 8:31pm.