

Thompson Trails Committee MINUTES December 7, 2015  
Thompson Town Hall

**In attendance:**

Karen Durlach, Mike Lajeunesse, Charlie Obert, David Ostrowski; Tom Ayu

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. at the Thompson Town Hall. Charlie volunteered to be moderator. Mike made a motion, seconded by David, to accept the minutes of October 5; motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

- Request from Town Clerk for 2016 meeting dates. Karen will submit (2/1, 4/4, 6/6, 8/1, 10/3, 12/5)
- Request from Roberta Baublitz to join/help/support the Trails Committee
- John K. wrote in about damage to the Tri-State survey pin; Karen will contact DEEP
- Thank you letters sent to Joshua Allen and Tyler Shanley for their help on LeClair Trail maintenance
- Charlie distributed links to East Coast Greenway Bike Summit seminars

**Finances:** No update. 2016 Turkey Trot figures almost finalized.

**Partners:** Roberta Baublitz is interested. John K. will steward the Tri-State Marker Trail.

**Events**

- Monday, Jan. 11, 2016 John Monroe will present a workshop on landowner contact. Room reserved at the Thompson Library. Tentatively 6:30 to 8:00 pm. We generated a list of people and groups to invite. Karen will coordinate.
- Walktober: Charlie's rescheduled bike ride on the Airline had no attendees.
- 2015 Turkey Trot: participation substantially down from 2014; some new sponsors but sponsorship down. Follow-up meeting not held yet. Approx. \$3400 to TEEG, \$1700 each to Trails and Rec. Dept.
- Invitation from Thompson Library to do a spring program on Thompson trails. Under discussion if possible to prepare for spring 2016.

**Trail Updates:**

- Dec. 8 meeting at UCONN to hear presentation on Blain Bridge design; 4 committee members plus Planner & Selectman to attend
- Mike received an ambiguous rejection letter from Ellis Tech on Ithiel Town bridge project but instructor and principal for the project, so awaiting developments.
- Airline: Thompson Dpt. of Public Works has not yet had time to spread stonedust.
- French River, easement north of K of C: Work party to finish bench cut postponed.
- News from Southbridge (Tom Ayu)/Quinebaug Valley Rail Trail (QVRT): substantial funds realized from sale of rails between Golden Greek and Dudley line; working on ways to remediate bad section of bank erosion. Tom has been working on GPS mapping, has sample to send, and is interested in helping map Thompson trails.

**NEXT BUSINESS MEETING:** Monday, Feb. 1, 2016, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall

Mike made a motion, seconded by David, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 8:32 pm.