Hinesburg Trails Committee

Minutes of February 16, 2026 Meeting

Present in Town Hall: Oren Guttmann, Bret Golan, Brian Bock

Virtual via Zoom: Chic McArthur, Ray Mainer, James Mangrum, Peter Modley

Regrets: Colin Hunt

Town Forest Committee Guest: Pat Mainer

Economic Development Committee Guest: Steve Gladstone

1. Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM.
2. No public comment, no members of the public attended this meeting, only members of other Town Committees.
3. Additions/changes to agenda: No changes or additions.
4. Review minutes of previous meeting: No changes to draft. Motion to approve by Peter with second by Chic. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Review expenses and balance, nothing.
6. Pat Mainer Town Forest Committee saying 291 more acers, owned as of yesterday morning, here to answer questions related to 2 trails. Lincoln Hill to Dragon’s Tail, Fellowship of the Wheel has been maintaining. Also CPR (Chris’ Private Trail) should be on Town map but not Fellowship of the Wheel. Need to access trail in spring, possible bridge needed. Along Lincoln Hill Road, add kiosk. Stewardship fund money available. Parking area possible, no ideal place, area has been used by public, no complaints about parking. Chic asking about trail marker, answer, nothing yet. Peter asking about designation of trail CPR to show it as pedestrian only to exclude bikes when add to maps; will discuss this designation and any other issues at the next meeting.
7. New Avenza map, Chic updated the Hinesburg Town Forest map to include the new Mainers Meander trail which is available to download as of 4:00 today on Avenza; verified new map is downloadable on Avenza.
8. Dog Signs – Sent out info on quotes and design, Chic asking if need something that needs to be more to the point about obeying the law. Peter supports it. “Obey the Law”. Be serious but not threatening; drop the font size, for the mention of the ordinance. Add the HART logo to the sign. Brian will do another mock-up of the sign to show wording option. If your puppy packs it in, pack it out. In quote by SB Signs in Williston, if get 10 cost would be $300, if get 20 cost would be $500. Possible to get Selectboard to contribute funds to help pay for signs? Orin will email Alex and Todd to ask about helping to pay for signs. Color to use for text? Dark green was preferred. How much for 2 colors, did not ask as part of quote. Can add a sticker to the sign for the HART logo.
9. Eddy easement – Peter talking to David Eddy, received email, sent to David’s attorney, merging 3 properties, waiting for attorney reply, also questions about mapping does it have the easement on it or not, not sure. Updated map filed with land records. Peter will figure it out.
10. Steve Gladstone – Economic Development Committee, chat about ways our committees can work together. No set agenda, facilities driver of economic development, chicken/egg, people coming to Hinesburg to use recreational trails, parks, etc. Many people use Fellowship of the Wheel trails, groups from Quebec, bikers like mapped trails, how to get people using the trails to spend money in Town, sponsorship? List of businesses in Town visitors could see? Currently no directory of places to eat or drink in Town. Peter said as government entity, can’t favor any establishments over others, and doesn’t think we can sell ads like on placemat. Have link to Chamber website page? Ray is saying can’t be done. Maybe a QR code to a page on website where all businesses listed without favor. Orin saying create map showing trails as well as commercial establishments. Craig Chevrier, creator of Discover Hinesburg website, Town can’t promote that specific commercial effort. Charlotte has good example of a map like this. Community Block grant for economic development. Bret need to be conscious of issues with speeders on roads that are used for recreation, bikers riding with dogs, not paying attention to dog. Peter saying Hinesburg already fairly famous, need to find a balance. People coming from all over, e.g. accessing Texas Hill via Richmond. Orin, bringing up idea Chic mentioned years ago Harvest Festival, Harvest Run? Brian could play with a Google map to show trails plus businesses. Recreation a driver for communities, all about access and maps. James mountain bikers Fellowship of the Wheel, also become member of Vermont Mountain Bike Association (VMBA), State organization provides offers to businesses, no Hinesburg businesses promoted there currently.
11. Other discussions: Chic wants everyone to email him their contact info to update the list. Orin think about projects for the coming year, add to agenda next meeting. July 1 new budget.
12. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM; next Meeting March 16, 2022, hopefully fully in-person.

Submitted by Brian Bock