



Trails Committee

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Meeting Minutes – May 15, 2019

- Approved 6/19/19 -

Present: Jane Sheldon, Chic McArthur, Lenore Budd, Oren Guttman, Peter Modley, Ray Mainer, Bret Golann, and Nick Certo

Regrets: George Dameron

Guests: Colin and Kim Hunt

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. **Minutes** – Peter made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Ray seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.
2. **Budget** – Chic has spent \$76.72 for HART window decals which leaves \$613 remaining in our budget for the 2018/2019 year.
3. **Sidewalk Capital Improvements** – The TC had been asked to review this report and make any comments we felt were needed. Chic said that all the recommendations seemed appropriate, but he felt that area 2 on Mechanicsville Rd would be his lowest priority if any had to be cut. Bret asked if the striping in front of the Fire Department was needed but the consensus was that it would be an important safety improvement.
4. **Record Articles** – George is writing the article for June, the deadline for which is June 13th. There is no issue published in July, so we will assign the August article at the June meeting.
5. **Window Decals** – Chic passed out the decals he had produced. They are to be affixed on our car windows, and to give out to volunteers, participating landowners, et al, to promote our HART trails.
6. **National Trails Day** – Meet at Town Hall Parking lot at 8:45 a.m. Saturday, June 1st. Peter V gave Lenore a list of materials he will need (see pt d) and Ray will pick it up, along with anything he needs for his projects.

- a. Chic will brush cut the Hill Spur trail at Geprags (unless he finds out that Wahl Landscaping will be doing it anyway) and the Russell Trails Hill Spur Trail to Buck Hill RD West.
- b. Lenore will lead a crew to reroute the Hill Spur section of Geprags. She will attempt to get volunteers to chain saw the needed areas on that route before then.
- c. Oren will lead a crew to cut out a re-route of the Ravine Trail.
- d. Peter VanVranken will lead a crew to put puncheons on the Bissonette Loop.
- e. Nick will work with Peter V on that project.
- f. George will be asked to lead a crew to lop the Russell Trails.
- g. Ray will lead a crew to repair the puncheon at Russell Trails at the ballpark trailhead, and will repair the sign for the Overlook Trail.
- h. Bret will either lead a lopping crew on Passing the Buck or be available to help wherever it is determined to be needed on that morning.
- i. Jane will lead a crew lopping at Geprags if needed, but will scout the connecting trails before to determine the extent. She will order the pizza after a head-count can be taken before volunteers head out to work, and pick them up at 11:45.
- j. The Hunts have volunteered to bring water.
- k. Lenore will check to see if the Town Hall can be accessed that morning.
- l. Jane will post notices on Front Porch Forum.

7. Other Projects for the Summer/Fall

- a. Lenore will be meeting with the new owner of Traviacs to discuss opening a new trail past that establishment, to connect with Geprags.
- b. The water bars on the Eagle's Trail need to be cleaned out. Bret will scout other areas that might benefit from new drainage efforts after the logging there is completed.
- c. Ray will fix the sign at the Gilman Rd parking lot for the LaPlatte Headwaters Town Forest.
- d. Chic reminded us that the tree hanging over the NE Quadrant trail still needs to be taken down, but that it may require a professional tree service.
- e. Jane will contact Sara Donegan to see if the library would like to co-sponsor a Story Walk.

8. Update on Baldwin Road/Leavensworth Connection – Lenore reported that she had been in touch with Thad Halsmer, new property owner on the Charlotte Rd, about the town easement on his property and the plan to open up a trail there this summer. He is aware of the easement and more discussions as to what will be done and the timing will continue.

9. Leavensworth Road to Town Hall Connection – Since she got no response from the new owner of the Clark Farm, Lenore has contacted a local contractor who appears to be acting as the farm manager. He will talk to the owner about hosting a trail on the property.

10. Maps – Now that the trails have reopened after mud season Jane reviewed who is responsible for restocking the map holders.

- a.** Jane – Hayden Hill East and West for the Town Forest
- b.** Peter – Economou Road for the Town Forest and Texas Hill entrance to the NE Quadrant trail to Sleepy Hollow
- c.** Chic – Magee Hill Road entrance to the NE Quadrant Trail and the kiosk at Sleepy Hollow
- d.** Nick – The Gilman and Lewis Creek entrances to the LaPlatte Headwaters Town Forest
- e.** George – Russell Trails and Geprags Park

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Sheldon, Secretary