Holland Trails Committee Minutes

Date: May 22, 2019

Present: Richard & Chris Haller, Anne Hall, Jackie Proko, and Robert Pellicane

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Dick Haller. The minutes of the meeting held April 24th were approved.

Chris presented the treasurer's report. The balance is \$2,102.89.

Old Business

The purchase of the Sichol property was approved by a 186 to 6 vote at Town Meeting. Three informational meetings were held and three walks on the property. Appearances were made before the Conservation Commission, the Select Board, the Finance Board, and the Hamilton Reservoir Association. Posters were placed in nine locations in town. Numerous phone calls and contacts were made.

The amount approved at our last meeting for a mailing (up to \$1,000) was not expended, because Opacum volunteered to cover the cost.

The Selectmen have approved placement of our sign on town property.

The Brimfield 5K was the most successful yet.

The workday on May 4th had 5 participants. Litter, including a tire, was removed.

The paddle will be June 1st on the Quinebaug River. Jackie and Chris volunteered to assist with driving. Dick will lead the event.

The committee decided to not participate in the Health Fair. However, we will participate in the Zucchini Fest which is August 18th. Anne offered to put together a table.

New Business

Our next trail ride is Saturday, June 15th from 10:00 to 12:00.

The Committee approved the purchase of two additional sets of letters for the sign for up to \$250. We also approve up to \$300 for safety vests with the trail's logo. Dick will send electronic versions of the logo to Bob.

Finally the committee approved spending up to \$500 on two trail cameras and accessories. These will be used for wildlife photography which will better enable promotion. They also can be used to record the identity of individuals who ignore the rules regarding motor vehicles.

All present agreed to serve on the committee for the coming year. Dick will submit the five names to the Selectmen for approval.

Our next meeting was rescheduled for Wednesday, June 19th to avoid quorum difficulties.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Richard Haller Chairman