

Holland Trails Committee Minutes

Date: May 25, 2016

Present: Richard & Chris Haller, Jackie Proko, Stacy Riley, Fred Beaulieu and Anne Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Dick Haller. The minutes were approved as read.

Old Business

The scheduled workday was cancelled due to wind and rain. The exploration of the Old Holland Road extension will occur at the next workday.

The Quinebaug Paddle was pleasant and the weather cooperated, however there was only one participant. A Facebook invitation could be used next time.

Bulky day will not happen in June, but may this summer.

The two 36' landscape rakes have been purchased for a total cost of \$125.92. The purchase of a reacher-grabber for trash pick-up was approved unanimously. The cost is \$14.99. the benches are available at a total cost of \$474. The remaining balance in the appropriation account for FY17 is \$870.06.

It was decided to visit the Burgess Trail for construction ideas. These may be applicable at the Fuller Dam site. Both will be visited on June 17th. We will meet at the Cedar Street Cafe at 9:30 AM.

Anne Hall is interested in becoming a member of the Trails Committee. We will finalize membership for submission to the the Selectmen at our next meeting.

Community participation was discussed. Having a table at town events such as the Carl Beane Memorial Scholarship softball game, the Police Department Cookout, and the Zucchini Festival could help. A walking event was proposed. One might include a naturalist or birder.

A scavenger hunt is a possibility. It could be followed by a picnic. Such an event might best be held in early fall.

Our June meeting will include a discussion of goals for the coming year and our vision for the future.

New Business

The workday was rescheduled for Saturday, May 27th. The same tasks will be accomplished.

The trail ride is scheduled for Saturday, June 3rd. Dick will produce a poster.

“Show Up Brimfield Holland Wales” has been scheduled for Saturday, August 5th, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This is a chance to educate and involve the public about the Trail Committee and its accomplishments. We might share a table with the Brimfield Committee or other Holland committees. The Committee felt that 4 hours is as much as we can commit to.

Anti-litter signs were discussed. In all, about 20 will be purchased. The Highway Department will provide posts and installation. The Committee agreed to purchase 2 for Pond Bridge Road, 4 for Dug Hill Road, and 1 for Morse Road. The total cost for these signs will be \$112. This expenditure was unanimously approved.

upcoming dates:

Sat., May 27th: Trails workday & exploration of Old Holland Road extension 9:00 AM -12:00 PM

Tue., May 30th Annual Town meeting 7:00 PM

Sat. June 3rd: trail ride 10:00AM- 12:00 PM

Sat., June 10th Eagle Scout Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 -7:00 PM

Sun., June 11th HRA Pancake Breakfast 8:00 AM- 12:00 PM

Tue., June 13th: Town elections 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Sat., June 17th: Burgess Trail & Fuller Dam site exploration 9:30 AM

Sat., June 24th: Carl Beane Memorial Scholarship softball game

Thu., June 29th: our next meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47.

Richard Haller
Chairman / Secretary