

Holland Trails Committee Minutes

Date: October 24, 2018

Present: Richard & Chris Haller, and Anne Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Dick Haller. The minutes of the meeting held August 22nd were approved as corrected.

Chris presented the treasurer's report which was unchanged. The balance is \$2,279.27.

Old Business

Anne will order a sign to be used to promote our events. Up to \$200 may be spent.

The planning for the Fuller Dam Trail has not been completed. Dick will begin the process.

The issue of trail maintenance was discussed. Brian Johnson and Ed Hood may have ideas. We need to talk to Brenda Palmer at the Center. If the trail were shaded, it could be more easily maintained. Because the Center trail requires more frequent work, hiring someone might be the best option.

New Business

A workday took place on Sunday, September 9th at 9:00 AM to maintain the Center trail. Three people participated. Weed control was completed on about half the trail using a weed burner and stirrup hoes. The burner seemed most practical, although the hoes may be more effective.

Another workday was scheduled for September 29th (8:30-12:30). There were 4 participants. Lake Siog Pass was maintained, and weed removal on the Center Trail was completed.

To increase participation a possibility could be to organize our workdays in a manner similar to the clean-up day. They could be titled "Spring for Holland" and "Fall for Holland."

The Walktober Trail Ride took place on October 14th. There were 10 riders and 4 walkers.

We should promote trail events by including the PTO, The Recreation Committee, and the Sturbridge Trails group in our emails.

The Trails Committee was included in the group which met with the Finance Committee on October 17th. The reception was mixed with Ernie Fancy arguing that the town's portion should include several house lots.

We need to plan presentations and conduct walks. The Finance Committee should have an open invitation for a guided walk. Dick will talk to Ed Hood regarding these matters.

The bridge on Morse Road will be closed for 3-4 weeks, so that it can be repaired.

At our next meeting we will consider the calendar for 2019.

The Quinebaug Woods Walk will be Saturday, Oct. 27 from 10:00 to 11:30.

Our next meeting is December 12th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04.

Richard Haller
Chairman