

Holland Trails Committee Minutes

Date: August 24, 2017

Present: Richard Haller, Jackie Proko, and Anne Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Dick Haller. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Old Business

Anne talked with Brian Johnson about the installation of the remainder of the anti-litter signs. He is uncertain how soon the work will be completed.

Dick reported that Show Up Brimfield Holland Wales was worth doing despite the poor weather. We were able to generate some interest, and it was a good opportunity for networking.

The discussion of Sichol property scheduled for August 15th has been postponed by the Selectmen. It has been rescheduled for August 29th at 6:00 PM. Ed Hood will be presenting. Dick will send an e mail to our list to inform people of this important meeting.

Chris will report at our next meeting regarding her meeting with the librarian and interim Community Center director.

Dick researched moon rise for a possible full-moon walk / snowshoe. January 1st the moon rises at 4:17 PM, but that is New Years Day. January 31st, a Wednesday, it rises at 5:19 and there is a lunar eclipse at 10:51 PM. There is no full moon in February.

It was decided that a daytime walk might work better.

Anne spoke to the owners Bird Store & More about a birding walk using trails. They said that they are not interested at this time. We should talk to them after the holidays. Anne will follow up.

Bulky Day was a great success. Much of the material is recyclable. Brian Johnson says that \$3,000 should be sufficient to fund a yearly clean-up day and a bulky day.

The Zucchini Fest was also a success. A number of new contacts were made.

The Committee decided that Wednesday would work better as a day for our meetings. Dick will talk to the Executive Secretary to see if this can be arranged.

New Business:

Audubon and DCR have both scheduled conferences on trail building. Fees & mileage could be paid. Interest was expressed in the 2017 Massachusetts Trails Conference in Leominster on November 4th. Dick will forward the information.

Dick attended a presentation on trails for the sight-impaired which was sponsored by the Lion's Club. The most promising trail for such an approach is the one at the Center. We do not know, if a need exists in town.

Fred has resigned from the Trails Committee. We thank him for his service to the community. We need an additional reliable and hard-working member. Each of us will make an effort to find such a person.

Because Anne had not yet been appointed, we may have not had a quorum the last time we met. The Committee voted unanimously to affirm all actions taken at the last meeting including the expenditure of up to \$45 for a label maker.

Dick will take some photographs to be used to promote the Quinebaug Woods Walk.

upcoming dates

Thu., Sep. 28th our next meeting

Sat., Sep. 30th Quinebaug Woods Walk 10:00 to 11:30 AM

Tue., October 3rd Special Town Meeting 7:00 PM

Sat., Oct. 7th Work Day

Sat., Oct. 15th Walktober Trail Ride 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

Richard Haller
Chairman / Secretary