

Holland Trails Committee Minutes

Date: October 25, 2017

Present: Richard & Chris Haller, and Anne Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Dick Haller. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Chris presented the treasurer's report. Our current balance is \$1,900.

Old Business

Three anti-litter signs still need to be posted: one on Morse Road and two on either side of Quinebaug Woods.

It was decided to have the event, "Lake Siog Before Flood Control," on a Saturday afternoon in January. Dick will put together an article of the Center newsletter by the 18th of next month.

A snowshoe event will be planned for January on the 6th, 13th, or 20th.

We have approval to meet on Wednesdays in the Community Room.

Chris, Dick, and Jackie will attend the 2017 Massachusetts Trails Conference. Car pooling will be arranged.

The Stop Abuse Walk & Run will be an annual event scheduled for the last Saturday in September.

The work day was Saturday, October 5th 9:00 to 12:00. Dick led a group at the trailhead. Chris led another group at the Center at 9:30. General clean-up and weed control were accomplished.

It was decided unanimously to purchase 2 stirrup hoes for future weed control efforts. \$120 plus shipping was approved.

The Walktober ride was Sunday, October 15th from 10:00 to 12:00. We had 15 riders.

The Quinebaug Woods walk will be Saturday, October 28th, 10:00 to 11:30 AM. Dick will send a reminder email which will include the participants in the trail ride.

New Business:

It was decided to explore two possibilities for new trails: the Old Brimfield Road Connector and the Fuller Dam Site. We will meet at 9:00 AM December 9th at the Quinebaug Woods trailhead.

Dick will have a draft for the 2018 calendar and next year's budget for our next meeting.

Chris met with Tyler, Anne Gobi's assistant. There has been no announcement yet regarding the housing bond. She was advised to speak with the people at H.A.P., which has a new name now. He also said that the town should apply again for a feasibility study through Pioneer Valley. Dick, Chris, Bettina Schmidt, and Ed Hood will meet with Todd Smola on Friday.

Due to the holidays, our next meeting will be December 13th.

MRC Employment Services could provide labor for trail maintenance. This could be particularly useful for the Center Trail where supervision would not be an issue.

upcoming dates

Sat., Oct. 28th Quinebaug Woods Walk 10:00 to 11:30 AM

Sat., Dec. 9th exploration of possible trails 9:00 AM

Wed., Dec. 13th our next meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Richard Haller
Chairman / Secretary