

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEEETING  
TRAIL COMMITTEE  
LISBON TOWN HALL  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2018  
7:00 PM

1. The regular meeting of the Trail Committee was called to order by Joseph Lewerk, Chairman, at 7:02 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Lewerk, Randy Baah, Chad Johnson, Terry Joseph, Kevin Shafer, Marcia Shafer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kim Sperry, Stephen Brown

2. Public Comment – NONE

3. Approval of Previous Minutes – Motion by T. Joseph second by R. Baah to approve the May 9, 2018 regular meeting minutes. VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

4. Correspondence

- a. Memo, CCM re: Municipal Training FOIA August 29
- b. Article, The Bulletin 8/6/2018 re: DEEP inviting non-profits to apply for trail improvement grants (deadline October 31)

5. Old Business

- a. 223 North Burnham Highway Grant Application –

- i. Update on progress to date – Logging History on the Hoydila Property submitted by Joe Rainville of Rainville Logging (see attached).

Review of sign designs and content as proposed by J. Lewerk. Non-profit signs cannot exceed 4' x 3' with a maximum height of 6'. Five must be completed by end of October for Walktober event. Mr. Lewerk to bring to Prokop Signs for final design and printing.

- ii. Grant Management – NONE

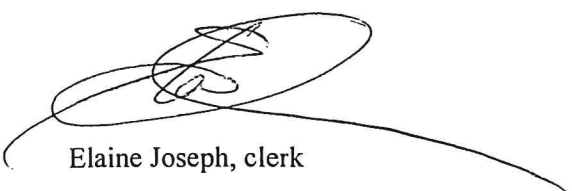
6. Reports – NONE

7. New Business – Grant Proposal – C. Johnson reported that Recreation Committee and Trail Committee will apply for funding. Motion by R. Baah second by M. Shafer to pursue the grant to complete the following priorities: Burnham Tavern trails, trails at Lisbon Meadows Park, and parking area for Burnham Tavern trails. VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

8. Adjournment - Motion by R. Baah second by C. Johnson to adjourn 8:22 p.m.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph Lewerk, Chairman

  
Elaine Joseph, clerk

## Logging History on the Hoydila Property

The scattered white pine in this forest is descended from the previous pine. Before 1938 a big part of this forest was large white pine. Most of it was over 100 feet in height and 30 in. in diameter. It grew so thick, sunlight barely shone through yet the edges were loaded with Lady Slippers. The perimeter was of mixed hardwoods and wild blueberries. The hurricane of 1938 uprooted the large white pine and some of the hardwoods. The fields behind the house at the time were orchards – apple, peach and pear. They also were uprooted. The fields were cleaned up and turned to crop land. A small saw mill was set up by a Mr. Dobrowski. The large pine was harvested and sawed. Then the lumber was sold to the government.

In the late 1950's, Mr. Hoydila and his father harvested some hardwoods and sawed it out for use on the farm. In 1996-1997 a harvest of trees over 14 inches in diameter was removed. This harvest yielded over 120,000 board feet of sawlogs. These logs were sold locally and to Canada for railroad ties, pallet lumber and flooring lumber. In 2009 a harvest was done again. The trees had grown over  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch in diameter per year. This harvest yielded over 120,000 board feet but was not as valued as the first harvest. This was due to large growth rings in the trees.

The woodlot east of Route 169 was cut between 1950-1965 by landowner Mr. Hoydila. A small sawmill had been set up behind the first field. Parts of it still remain. The lumber was used on the farm and sold to other farmers. Most of the land between the road and brook was open pasture and cropland.

The woodlot was behind the brook. This small woodlot was also cut in 1997-1998. The wet ground conditions grew top quality timber. It was cut again in 2011 between the two harvests. Over 100,000 board feet of logs were removed. Over 50 percent of the timber was of top quality, used for flooring and cabinets.

Sadly, two months after the last harvest, Mr. Hoydila passed away. Mr. Hoyidila and his father took good care of this land. I hope the Town of Lisbon does the same.

Joe Rainville,  
Owner of Rainville Logging

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