

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TRAIL COMMITTEE
LISBON TOWN HALL
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019
7:00 PM

1. The regular meeting of the Trail Committee was called to order by Joseph Lewerk, Chairman, at 7:01 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Lewerk, Terry Joseph, Marcia Shafer, Joe Imschweiler, Doug Hueg
MEMBERS ABSENT: Randy Baah, Kevin Shafer, Chad Johnson, Steve Brown
OTHERS PRESENT: McKenzie Urban, Jack Zagarenski, LCS Student Ambassadors

2. Public Comment – NONE

3. Approval of Previous Minutes – Motion by T. Joseph second by M. Shafer to approve the 3/13/19 minutes as presented.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

4. Correspondence

- a. Memo, Lisbon Quarterly Newsletter, Submission Deadline – May 15, 2019
- b. Brochure, CT Trails Day – June 1-2. Mr. Lewerk suggested a 2-hour block of time to guide people through the trails, and will post it on the CT Trails listing on line. Volunteers should contact Mr. Lewerk.

5. Old Business

- a. 223 North Burnham Highway – First Selectman Tom Sparkman spoke about what an awesome job the Trail Committee is doing on the Burnham Highway property trails. Discussion regarding a bar gate to close the parking area at sunset. Mr. Sparkman said the Town would need a volunteer to close the gate each evening. Discussion about putting up a sign that says “Closed at Sunset or Dusk”. Chairman Lewerk to work on. Discussion about obtaining excess Eversource poles. Items needing attention: bridges, parking, trash, sign.
- b. 78 Kendall Road – Mr. Sparkman asked that it be put on back burner for now as they do not have the parking area for it yet. Concept with what the trails will look like is complete.

6. Reports – McKenzie Urban, LCS Student Ambassador, gave a wonderful report on the history of the Providence and Worcester. (See attached.) Railroad.

7. New Business – Discussion regarding finishing Burnham Tavern.

8. Adjournment - Motion by M. Shafer second by T. Joseph to adjourn at 7:51 p.m.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED



Renee Williams, clerk

APPROVED: _____
Joseph Lewerk, Chairman

Providence and Worcester Railroad

Facts about Providence and Worcester Railroad

- It's a class II railroad
- It's owned by Genesee and Wyoming
- It connects from Gardner, MA, to Long Island N.Y, also going through Connecticut
- It's headquarters are in Worcester Massachusetts
- Dates of operation are/were - 1847-1892 and then 1973 to now
- It dates back to the 1940's
- It spent years as a subsidiary until it was spun-off in the early 1970's (1973) after Penn Central collapsed
- It has over 500 miles of track (516 miles to be exact)
- It's history began in 1844 and it was completed in 1847
- It was incorporated in Massachusetts on 3/12/1844
- The Providence and Worcester company is the name of the two companies who created the PW together
- It was bought by Genesee and Wyoming in 2016 from Providence and Worcester Railroad Co for 126 million dollars

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