

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TRAIL COMMITTEE
LISBON TOWN HALL
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2022
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stephen Brown, Douglas Hueg, Chad Johnson

2. Public Comment – NONE

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion by R. Baah second by M. Shafer to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of 5/11/2022 as presented.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

4. Correspondence

- a. Memo, from The Lisbon Quarterly, re: Fall 2022 Town Newsletter Submissions, due 8/22/2022 – Chairman Lewerk will submit information regarding the Walktober event.
- b. Email, from Fran Kefalas of The Last Green Valley dated 6/17/2022 re: Walktober 2022 event submission
- c. Email, from Governor Lamont's Office dated 7/27/2022 re: State Open Space Grant

5. Old Business

- a. Tavern Trails – It was reported that the trails are in good shape. The field has been mowed and recently the trails have been cut back and roots removed. With the pond being dry, volunteers were able to clear some brush, which had been underwater. Chairman Lewerk reminded volunteers to keep track of their volunteer days and times in order to have an accurate number at the end of the year. The parking lot apron needs repair. Chairman Lewerk will speak with First Selectman Thomas Sparkman about the possibility of an asphalt apron. Chairman Lewerk would like to see the pile of woodchips spread on the trail. Committee members agreed to meet on Saturday, August 13th at 9am to tackle this task.
- b. Burnham Tavern Trail – East/Puppy Hill Lane Trail Extension Route – First Selectman Thomas Sparkman has reached out to the State of Connecticut regarding the addition of a crosswalk on Route 169 in the area of the trails. There has been no response yet. This trail does include a great deal of wet areas and will require several small bridges. However, as the committee waits for word from the State of Connecticut, the committee is unsure if they want to proceed with additional trail construction. A discussion did occur regarding looping the trail around rather than crossing the street if the crosswalk is denied.

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6. Reports – Chairman Lewerk discussed the pond / old mill area. There is old machinery, a milk can, and an axel with steel wheels among other things in that area. Chairman Lewerk would like to clear it out at some point. In order to do so, the path would need to be widened in order to get the proper equipment to the area. This is a project to consider for later in the fall.
7. New Business
 - a. Walktober 2022 – Chairman Lewerk read the correspondence from The Last Green Valley. The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 15th at 10am and will be included in their publications. It was reported that the Lisbon Historical Society did not seem interested in collaborating with this event. It was mentioned that if the Lisbon Historical Society does decide to hold an event (open house, etc.) in the future at the Tavern, the Trail Committee would like to collaborate with the society.
 - b. State Open Space Grant – A discussion occurred regarding whether the committee should submit an application for funding for the Burnham Tavern Trail since the committee has not yet received word from the State of Connecticut regarding crosswalks. It was agreed that Chairman Lewerk should still submit an application in case the crosswalks are approved and if not, the funds could be used to loop the trail. Chairman Lewerk will research the cost of lumber for bridges and submit an application for the grant.
8. Adjournment - Motion by M. Shafer second by R. Baah to adjourn at 7:32pm.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED: _____

Joseph Lewerk, Chairman



Melissa Cassidy, Clerk

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ON 8/16/22 AT 10:12
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