

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TRAIL COMMITTEE
LISBON TOWN HALL
WEDNESDAY, January 11, 2023
7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Trail Committee was called to order by Chairman Joseph Lewerk at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Lewerk, Kevin Shafer, Marcia Shafer, Randall Baah, Stephen Brown
Joseph Imschweiler

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chad Johnson, Terry Joseph

ALSO PRESENT: LSC Student Ambassadors - Reed Nowakowski, Sadie Boots, Isabella Sylvestre

2. Public Comment – NONE

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion R. Baah second J. Imschweiler to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of 10/12/22 as presented.

VOTE UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

4. Correspondence

a. Copy of Letter dated 11/16/22 from Stephen Brown, LCS Service-Learning Coordinator re: 4 Student Ambassadors named for the Trail Committee along with their contact information and expectations.

b. email from The Last Green Valley dated 12/21/22 read aloud by the Chairman regarding submissions for the upcoming 2023 Spring Outdoor Guide with February 1 submission deadline.

c. Copy of Memo dated 1/5/23 from Clerk to the Boards re: Instituting Electronic Meeting Packets

5. Old Business

a. Tavern Trails – The trails remain in good condition. Fallen trees were cleared and picked up. Wood chips still need spreading in areas. The “Butterfly field” has been mown for the season. There is evidence that the trails are well used.

b. Burnham Tavern Trail – East/Puppy Hill Lane Extension Route - Parking Issues continue to postpone any action on this proposal. There has been no update from the state regarding crosswalk request.

c. There were about 12 to 13 people who participated in the 10/15/22 Walktober Event.

6. Reports - NONE

7. New Business

a. Recreation Trails Grant, State of Connecticut – Application deadline 3/1/23. This is an 80% grant with 20% in kind contribution. After discussion about various advantageous uses for the funds and ideas for improvements, such as bog bridge construction, machine rental, additional access from Sergeant’s Way including a parking area and required apron, and possible handicap accessibility, a motion was made by J Imschweiler second by S. Brown to pursue the grant funding.

VOTE UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Lewerk will inform the First Selectman of the Committee’s intention of applying for this grant money. He also will reach out to Senator Cathy Osten for assistance in obtaining State support for upgrades to the trails.

Motion by R. Baah second S. Brown to add Memo re: Meeting Packets into New Business.

VOTE UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

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b. Memo from Clerk to the Boards regarding the option to receive all future meeting agendas and minutes electronically, foregoing the USPS service of the printed documents, was read aloud to the committee. There was unanimous consent and enthusiastic approval of this proposal to implement immediately.

Motion by R. Baah second M. Shafer to add proposed 2023 Spring Outdoors Walk to New Business.

VOTE UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

c. The Last Green Valley email indicates they are planning to print a Spring Outdoors guide to distribute locally that will be printed by Feb 1. Due to the short deadline, this issue was tabled until next month, to consider what ideas could be submitted for the on-line forum.

8. Adjournment

Motion R. Baah second S. Brown to adjourn at 7:52 p.m.

VOTE UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED


Janet Lefevre, Clerk

Joseph Lewerk, Chairman

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ON 1/13/23 AT 9:27am
ATTEST, MICHELLE GRANT, TOWN CLERK
