

Holland Trails Committee Minutes

Date: August 24, 2016

Present: Richard & Chris Haller, Fred Beaulieu, Jackie Proko, and Anne Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Dick Haller. The minutes were approved as read.

Old Business

Dick will contact Tom Chamberland regarding the organization and costs of a town-wide clean-up.

The cost of the portable toilet at the trail head is, as budgeted, \$450 for 3 months. This expenditure was approved unanimously. Oct. 23rd is the last date it will be in place. We may wish to extend the period, if there is a November work day.

We have the trail signs and the sign for the Center. It was decided not to wait for the next work day. Fred and Dick volunteered to install the required posts and to begin sign placement. Fred will drill or punch the holes needed in the signs.

The Center trail has been completed. It will be fully ADA compliant when the sign is installed. Two granite benches have been purchased by C.O.A.

The bicycle rack has been installed by Highway Department. The cost was \$198.49.

The walk on the Sichel took place on schedule (July 9th). Tina Rootes-Hunter was present from the Senior Housing Committee. It appears that there is no town land adequate for senior housing. Pioneer Valley is now involved in the process which should help to facilitate progress.

All Trails Committee member should see the Town Clerk to be sworn in.

New Business:

Ethics testing must be completed every 2 years. Please return the certificate to Kelli Robbins (Executive Secretary, Board of Selectmen) and/or submit a copy to Dick.

Five extra truck-loads were needed to complete Center trail. Each load is about 10 tons, and the price is \$9 per ton. The Committee voted unanimously to spend up to \$500 on additional gravel.

We will need posts & hardware to install the signs we have obtained. The Committee voted unanimously to spend up to \$150 on these items.

An e mail from Keith Beecher was received regarding possible contact with the Fisheries & Wildlife Department regarding the stocking of pheasants in the vicinity of the trail. The Committee has no knowledge of any such contact.

A ribbon cutting for Center Trail has been scheduled for Thursday, September 22nd at 6:30 pm. Ann Gobi & Todd Smola will attend. The Committee will send invitations, put up posters, and arrange for refreshments. Anne Hall presented a check for \$200 as a gift to help with expenses for the celebration. This generous donation was accepted with thanks by the Committee.

upcoming dates:

Sep. 28th our next meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

Richard Haller
Chairman / Secretary