

Trails Coordinating Task Force

Thursday, December 5, 2013
4 PM – Groton Senior Center
Special Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

II. Roll Call

Members: Joellen Anderson, A. Neil Brown, Deb Jones, Debralyn Marshall-Baker, Gail Munn, Brae Rafferty, Joan Smith, Sue Sutherland, Sidney Van Zandt

Guests: Robert Frink, Marie Olson

III. Approval of Minutes – October 24, 2013

MOTION: To approve the minutes of October 24, 2013

Motion by Van Zandt, seconded by Smith.

Smith suggested that item V. Reports, b. GOSA read “Joan Smith reported that GOSA was awarded in Norwalk, CT \$100,000 for Habitat Restoration for 21 acres of Candlewood Ridge.”

Anderson suggested that the second sentence under item V. Reports, c. Avalonia Land Conservancy read “The Moore Woodlands are a land trust and as such, are considered to be privately owned but held in trust for the public.”

Baker suggested that the first sentence of the second paragraph of item IV Correspondence/Communication read “Arthur Fox of Mumford Cove BOE sent a letter to the town expressing concerns about the paving”.

The motion carried 8-0-1 (Rafferty abstained) to approve the minutes with the above modifications.

IV. Correspondence/Communication – None.

V. Reports

a. Avalonia

Anderson reported that she has been working with Andrew Bowne to accurately show trail locations using GPS on the Moore Property and the Town's End Property.

b. Copp Property

Brown reported that he has been working with Andrew Bowne to accurately show trail locations.

c. Cross Town Trail

Van Zandt reported that she has been working with Andrew Bowne to add photos of various properties to the Town's trail web site. She submitted the Fall Connecticut Forest and Parks newsletters, noting the article on Walk Ct Toolkit. She noted that the registration deadline for next year's Trail Day is February 2.

d. GOSA None.

e. Town Trails

Baker reported that the G&S Trolley trail is complete north of the Amtrak crossing. The remaining funds may be applied to another multi use trail, possibly extending the G&S west to Depot Road. Smith asked what project is next and Jones provided an update on the Thomas Road bike path.

Van Zandt suggested that a button be added to the Town's main web page that links to the new trails page. She asked for an update on the sign for the Mortimer Wright property. Jones reported that Mark Berry will be ordering the sign.

Van Zandt noted that there are a number of locations where the trail logo sign should be placed including Haley Farm, Beebe Pond, the Merritt Family Farm and Candlewood Ridge. Jones stated that her understanding was that these signs were to be installed at trail heads and not necessarily meant to be seen from the road. She suggested that this issue be placed on the January agenda for discussion and so that Mark Berry can provide the Committee with an update as to where the signs have been installed.

f. Tri Town Trails None.

VI. Old Business

a. Grants

Jones reported that Mark Berry had found a number of grant opportunities and asked members to forward grant opportunities to him. She noted that he will be looking for volunteers to form a grant committee.

b. PSA

Jones reported that Shawn Greely is working on the announcement and should have something to show the Committee early next year.

VII. New Business

a. Revised Trail Slides

The Committee viewed the revised slides and Jones noted that they will be running soon on the Town's channel.

VIII. Next Meeting – January 23, 2014, 4 PM Groton Senior Center

IX. Adjournment

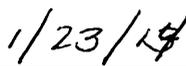
MOTION: To adjourn at 4:35 PM.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Van Zandt, so voted unanimously.

Minutes have been approved and accepted.



Signature



Date