

Trails Coordinating Task Force

Thursday, January 22, 2015

4 PM Groton Senior Center

Minutes

I. Call to Order

Berry called the meeting to order at 4:06.

II. Attendance

Members in Attendance: Mark Berry, Debra Marshall-Baker, Gail Munn, Joan Smith, Joellen Anderson, Deb Jones, A. Neil Brown

Alternates in Attendance: Sidney VanZandt

Members Absent: Denise Descheneaux, June Evered, Bernie French, Carla Henschel, Bruce McDermott, Eric Morrison, Brae Rafferty, Bea Reynolds, Rick Stevens

Guests in Attendance:

III. Citizen's Petitions, Comments and Concerns - None.

IV. Approval of Minutes – December 4, 2014

Berry noted that Anderson has been added to the list of Members Absent.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of December 4, 2014 as amended

Motion by Brown, seconded by Smith, so voted unanimously.

V. Correspondence/Communication - None

VI. Reports

A. Avalonia

Anderson reported that there would be a pot luck dinner on March 14 at St. James Church in Poquetanuck. She noted that the Avery Point Marine Science and Three Rivers lecture series have been announced.

B. Copp Property

Trail construction is underway using funds left from the parking lot and event fields projects.

C. Cross Town Trail

VanZandt reported that the cross town trail hike will be offered on Sunday of Trail Weekend in June, perhaps starting a Town's End and ending at Bluff Point. She noted the relocation of the Beebe Pond sign and that a new Parks and Recreation logo has been placed on the post. She reported that she has

hiked a number of properties with Jon Reiner, the new Planning and Development Director.

D. GOSA

Smith reported that GOSA will host walks on Trail Weekend on a number of their properties.

E. Town Trails

Berry reported that the new wooden platform at Beebe Pond was not done by the Town and asked the members to let him know if they find who installed it.

VanZandt reported that she is working with the new GIS Specialist and the Parks and Recreation Department to complete the interactive trail maps on the Town's website. Berry noted that any changes on individual parcels should be routed through his department.

F. TriTown Trails – No report.

VII. Old Business

A. Bike, Pedestrian & Trail Master Plan

Berry reported that the Public Works Department is working on cost estimates for the projects prioritized at the last meeting. He is working on an RFQ for a bikeway design to connect Depot Road to South Road.

VIII. New Business

A. Trail Information Event

Anderson suggested hosting an event to promote trails and other outdoor activities in town. The event could be held in the spring and various groups and businesses could set up tables to distribute information. Berry suggested that the event be held in March 2016 and asked Committee members to suggest possible participants at the February meeting.

IX. Next meeting – February 26, 2015, 4 pm Groton Senior Center

X. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 4:55 PM
Motion by VanZandt, seconded by Munn, so voted unanimously.

Minutes have been approved and accepted.



Signature

2/26/15
Date