

7/26/07 Conservation Commission Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:15pm

Present: Chris Dawson, Joel Fay, Pat Hechmer, Chuck McGill, Sarah Pinto, Ben Ware

Voted to move meeting date to fourth Wednesday of each month.

Joel made one flip box to use at the end of Schulz trail, will make another. It has a spot to display a sign, as well as to hold maps/brochures. Ben is making the signs for these.

Sign will have: Trail name, length of trail, trail etiquette, our logo, and a small map.

Joel has been clearing things on Schulz trail and is nearly finished with readying it for "Celebrate Westford Day" hike.

Sarah is going to contact Rosemary to get the rest of the trail markers and adopt-a-trail handouts.

A few t-shirts were sold at the 4th of July, not sure of how many more had been sold, Julie has the numbers on these.

Pat will be forwarding the blurb she made up on "Celebrate Westford Day" to Chris for him to distribute.

Selectboard approved our stewardship plan, as well as putting trails into the Localmotion database, but they cannot yet be visible on the Localmotion site.

Sarah will be our point of contact for Localmotion.

Because the selectboard approved the stewardship plan, we need to have a chair for this program who will be able to help coordinate doing stewardship for lands that are not conserved through the VLT.

The selectboard would like to get our feedback about the proper usage for trails, like if any trails should not be used by ATVs due to their condition.

It was decided by vote that the 16th of September will be the next trail day, meeting at 1 p.m. at the town common. Ben will publish in the town newsletter.

Discussed putting up trail signs on the other trails, and if John Doty had done so on the Goodrich trails. If anyone else is putting up trail signs, please get some pictures when you do so.

Pat has set up a display at the town library, and the commission will be buying a few copies of The Story Handbook for the library to have.

Sarah will be write up a few good leads to work on and to put onto a map for ancient roads.

Chuck is waiting to get the digital open space maps from Melissa, and only has old VAST maps at this point.

Pat is now both our representative to the planning commission and our new deputy chair.

We still have two vacancies, and we did interview one candidate.

Ben will be sending this year's minutes to Chuck for the new town website.

Having completed our goal from approximately a year ago to get the Schulz trail into shape, it was decided that our new goal for the coming year was to get the Goodrich trail into shape. After getting each trail into shape, we will make a firm handoff to that trails' adopters, so that they can maintain it. We will assist them as they need it.

Chuck will be fixing the margins on the farmer's market brochure, which is being updated with more vendors. Ben will send out a link to the brochure online in the town newsletter.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Benjamin Ware