

Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee

Minutes of the 12/8/10 meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Paul Jahnige. Also present were Gwen Blodgett, Diane Merritt, John Hoogstraten, Eileen Keegan, and Susan Milsom.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved with corrections.

The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission is producing a map that will include trails in Hampden and Hampshire Counties. The committee considered putting on the WWT website a map of Williamsburg that has trailheads marked.

Lincoln Fish may pursue a grant that would enable him to deal with invasive plants in town. He would be working directly with landowners on this.

GB talked about a piece of land where two branches of the Mill River meet; she thought it might be a good spot for a park. It is owned by the Historical Society. There are lots of invasive plants in the area.

The First Day hike will be at 10 a.m. on January 1 at the Bradley area. EK and GB will make the usual preparations.

At the January meeting, we will talk about arranging a snowshoe hike for February.

Members talked about budget items: 50 plastic boundary signs, paper and ink, and tools.

GB will meet with Ron Wolanin on December 13 to look at a possible new trail on Audubon land.

GB and a friend have done trail blazing at the Bradley area.

SM mentioned that there is a windfall on the Briar Hill trail. There are also remains of a wooden gate near the trailhead. JH will contact Bill Turner about a pull off area for cars.

Phil Merritt is working on a new trail in the Big View area. DM says that there are more trail possibilities on their land.

EK is now posting committee minutes on the WWT website.

Members made a few suggestions for the Open Space/Recreation plan update.

There will be a meeting December 13 in Greenfield to get public input on management guidelines for public lands.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by Susan Milsom