Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee

Minutes of 10/14/09 meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. Present were Eileen Keegan, John Hoogstraten, Diane Merritt, Hannah Gyovai, Gwen Blodgett, and Susan Milsom.

Minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

Members discussed a fall hike to be led by Eric Weber. This will focus on historical spots in the Petticoat Hill area. The hike is scheduled for Sunday, November 1 at 12:30. (This was later changed to 12 noon.)

Regarding the town kiosk, Nick Dines will be writing a letter to the Select Board to inform them of the plan.

There was discussion about clean-up at Devil's Den. JH will contact Paul Jahnige to ask him to write a letter to the trustees of the Boy Scout property.

In August, Roger Allcroft led a group that improved the Briar Hill trail; this was part of an Eagle Scout project. JH will also ask PJ whether Roger would like to come to a meeting to describe his work, or perhaps give committee members a tour of the trail.

We talked about how the WWT committee could get financial support from the town. Jeff Ciuffreda informed JH that a letter should be written to the Select Board stating the intention to request a budget. In December, we would get paperwork to be completed for the upcoming budget. A representative would go to the Select Board to discuss the request. The request would then go to the Finance Committee. JH will talk with PJ about initiating the process.

It was noted that the Recreation Trust Fund, administered by the Brassworks ReUse Committee, might have funding relevant to trails projects.

HG talked about trail possibilities near a pond off Briar Hill Road. This might connect Goshen trails to the Briar Hill trail.

HG, JH, DM, and Phil Merritt all attended a workshop organized by the Trustees of Reservations: the topic was invasive plants.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by Susan Milsom