Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee

Minutes of the 8/10/11 meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chair Paul Jahnige. Also present were Diane Merritt, John Hoogstraten, Gwen Blodgett, Eileen Keegan, Andrew Gould, Susan Milsom

It is noted that due to insufficient members for attendance, the July meeting was cancelled.

The resignation of member Susan Milsom was grudgingly accepted. Not only had Susan volunteered to be the meeting secretary but she also kept an eye on things at the Briar Hill Conservation Area.

Minutes of the June meeting were read and approved.

Discussed items ordered for WWT. We had submitted bills for \$247.00 (hand truck, McCloud, Voss signs). We have spent \$430.00 of our budget of \$500.00. All reimbursements were paid by the Town.

Poison Ivy- GB discussion of purchase of stock poison ivy signs, 3-holes for attachment. PJ will price. Discussion led to the idea of investigating a possible partnership with Lincoln Fish and Audubon for chemical application and the possibility of Lincoln obtaining a grant for the work. GB will contact Audubon and Lincoln regarding this and the possibility of treating all invasives on O'Neil Hill trails.

Petticoat Hill windfalls- Jim Caffrey has declared JH chainsaw certified to cut out windfalls (2) in the PCH Reservation. AG and JH will do the job.

Briar Hill Conservation Area- There are pallets of unknown origin on 2 wet areas of the trail. JH will contact the Cons. Com. about pallet removal and some clearing around the area. Are there rules about snowmobile usage in the area?

Breckenridge bridge project-JH will schedule a date with Eric Weber, probably in Oct. for the project. WWT will organize the materials and EW and JH will drop trees for the stringers in advance of the project date.

Valley View Mass Audubon trail- GB said the trail is laid out and Ron Wolanin will return at the end of Aug. to begin the chainsaw work, signage and blazing. It is presently marked with blue flagging. Discussion with Fran Tilly about installing private property signs will follow.

4-Town Trail Project- The project did not receive the applied for trails grant to proceed with their work. The Ashfield group is exploring a trail connection between Bullitt Reservation and Chapel Brook. PJ has been confering with neighbors and scouting out a possible trail from Ashfield Rd. to the Briar Hill Cons. Area through the property of Suzanne Foreman and possibly other property owners.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Merritt