

TOWN OF SOMERS
Open Space and Trails Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 18, 2015, 7:00PM
Town Hall Lower Conference Room

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ann Moses at 7:01PM

II. Members Present:

Ann Moses (Chair), Richard Bailey, Barbara Anderson, Patrice Carson, Jan Collins, Wes Smith, Dominic Wilson, Dick Hutton, Chris Boucher, and Todd Rolland.

III. Audience:

None

IV. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Patrice Carson to approve the 4/20/15 Minutes as written. Seconded by Wes Smith. Motion carried.

V. Mission Statement:

The following mission statement was discussed and approved:

The Somers Open Space and Trails Committee is committed to enriching the lives of the residents of Somers through the creation and maintenance of public walking and multi-use trails on town owned open space. The SOSTC advocates passive recreational use of these properties by conducting public events connecting residents of all ages to the natural world around them.

VI. OSTC Project Plan Review:

Maps have been put up at the Camp Aya Po parking area showing existing and planned trails.

Two committee members reported problems with unauthorized use of the property one of which involved the discharge of firearms. Providing information on the location and description of Camp Aya Po to State Police Troop C was recommended. The need for signs showing use restrictions within the conservation easement was also discussed. Todd Rolland will have signs created and posted.

Chris Boucher will post a notice advertising the NCLT Trails Weekend hike which will include the North and South Forest View Trails on the town recreation website as well as an email notice to all Recreation Program participants. Other possibilities for advertising the hike were also discussed.

The Reddington Rock Riding Club held a work party on May 17th to clear the South forest View Trail. Seventeen people attended and were able to clear the entire trail. A letter will be sent thanking them for their help in maintaining the trail.

VII. Correspondence

None

VIII. New Business

None

IX. Next Meeting

Monday June 15, 2015 @7:00 pm.

X. Adjournment

8:20 pm. Motion to adjourn by Ann Moses, seconded by Wes Smith, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Bailey Secretary