

TOWN OF SOMERS
Open Space and Trails Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 17, 2015, 7:00PM
Town Hall Lower Conference Room

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ann Moses at 7:02PM

II. Members Present:

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

III. Audience:

None

IV. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Patrice Carson to approve the 6/15/15 Minutes as written. Seconded by Barbara Anderson. Motion carried.

V. OSTC Project Plan Review:

Task 1.4. Dick Hutton reported that the Rotary Club has agreed to assume responsibility for maintaining one of the trails at Aya Po once the trails are constructed.

Task 2.0. Todd Rolland has contacted several foresters to determine their interest in bidding on the Forest Management Plan for Camp Aya Po. Todd will draft and send out RFQ's to three foresters. When all quotes are received, the SOSTC will make a recommendation to the BOS.

Task 2.4. Shawn Burgmyer has cleared the portion of the Lakeside Trail between the Aya Po parking area and the Hurds Lake dam as his Eagle Scout community project. The trail will be blazed when the remainder of the trail is complete.

Richard Bailey will meet with Ann Moses and Dom Wilson to lay out the route for the trail connecting the top of Perkins Mtn. with the Lower Trail. Richard will also flag the Old Shenipsit trail connector so that clearing can begin.

Task 2.7. A temporary trail map has been posted at the Aya Po parking area.

Task 3.0. Vegetation that was cleared from the North and South Forest View Trails in May has re-sprouted. Ann will arrange another RRRC work party to clear these trails.

Task 3.6. The DEEP grant application for improvements to the South Forest View Trail has been submitted. A funding decision is expected this fall.

VI. Correspondence

None

VII. New Business

The Camp Aya Po Committee has been formed. Committee member Paul Rasid met with Ann Moses to begin discussing the roles of the SOSTC and the newly formed committee. Chris Boucher will be the go-between between the two committees.

Dick Hutton has contacted the Somers Boy Scouts about helping with trash removal at Aya Po but has not yet had a response.

A committee meeting on plans for the Somersville mill site is being held August 25th. Ann Moses will plan to attend to represent SOSTC.

Patrice Carson will contact Dan Roulier about possible connectors between Worthington Pond and Camp Aya Po including horse trailer parking and equestrian access from Worthington Pond.

VIII. Next Meeting

Monday Sept. 21, 2015 @7:00 pm.

IX. Adjournment

8:00 pm. Motion to adjourn by Patrice Carson, seconded by Dominic Wilson, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Bailey Secretary