

Lee Trails Committee Minutes September 27, 2023

Members Present: Deb Sugerman (Liaison/Chair), Leslie Chinburg, Dennis Regan, Paul McComiskey, Kent Kasper, Chris Regan

Approval of Minutes of August 30, 2023: Deb Sugerman moved to accept the minutes. Dennis Regan seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Reports:

Conservation Commission (CC): Deb Sugerman reported:

- The Conservation Commission is requesting an \$8,300 budget 2024/2025 for trail maintenance, Durgin Park upgrades, ecological management, and stewardship costs.
- The Commission is purchasing a second chainsaw first aid kit, which the Committee will be able to use.
- T-Shirts: Deb Sugerman and Martin Thornton sold t-shirts for two hours outside the Swap Shop on September 23rd. They sold all but 7, and two more have been sold since then, with only small and medium size shirts remaining. Deb Sugerman reported that people are asking about purchasing a shirt. After discussion, it was decided that we would require pre-payment with any orders before we submit an order to the company.
- Stickers: After discussion, it was decided that we will give a sticker to each person who volunteers at future work days (Great idea Greg!).
- Library scarecrow: Leslie reported that scarecrows must be completed and placed on site by October 14th. After discussion, it was decided that we will use last year's scarecrow as a base but will add a scary face/head. Leslie will bring the completed scarecrow to the library. We discussed taking a picture of the scarecrow and posting it online with the challenge sheet to spark interest.
- Bridge #8: The building and replacement of bridge #8 was a great success. It was a long workday, but the bridge was completed in one day with an excellent crew. We have three more bridges to replace, along with one set of puncheons, which will be done next spring.
- Chainsaw Certification Course: Paul McComiskey and Martin Thornton took a 5-hour course, taught by UNH. The course covered maintenance, chainsaw sharpening, proper cuts, safety, etc. They cut down 2 trees and used 40-foot lengths for a box culvert. Paul and Martin will receive their certifications via email. They will provide a copy of their certificates to Denise Duval for the Town records.

New Business:

- October 14th projects and marketing: We will meet at the library. We will take Bog Platform sections out to stain them, and will lay them out to dry nearby. A rope or flagging tape will be placed across the access to the bog platform until the sections are replaced. The large kiosk at Little River Park will be cleaned prior to the work day and then stained on the work day. We'll

re-stake the boundary poles on Rita Lane. Other projects may include clipping at Little River Park and picking up the posted Trail Tails for storage.

Deb Sugerman made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Chris Regan seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Next meeting will be on October 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Offices.

Minutes submitted by: Chris Regan