

City of Shelton
Trails Committee
Meeting Minutes for
February 1, 2017



Present: Bill Dyer (Chair), Bob Wood, Sheri Dutkanicz, Richard Skudlarek, Jim Taradine, Terry Gallagher, Sandie Skudlarek, Val Gosset

Also present: Teresa Gallagher, Natural Resource Manager

The meeting was called to order by Bill Dyer, Chairman, at 5:38 pm.

1. **Meeting Minutes:** Bob Wood made a motion to approve the January 2016 meeting minutes. Seconded by Sheri Dutkanicz. All were in favor.
2. **Public Portion:** No one wished to address the committee.
3. **Recent Trail Activities**
 - A. **Park Benches:** Members of the Trails Committee met to disassemble heavy park benches donated by Anthony Simonetti and put them in storage.
 - B. **Paugussett Reroute at Wiacek:** Members of the Committee met at the Wiacek open space off of Constitution Blvd North to investigate alternate routes for the Paugussett Trail in order to move it off of the meadow and utility road.
 - C. **SIS Bypass Trail:** Richard Skudlarek and Jim Taradine cleared the trail.
 - D. **Rec Path resurfacing:** The contractor began resurfacing the Rec Path near Silent Waters. Access was via the canoe launch across the street from the Intermediate School, and they had to cut a few trees to get in. Richard Skudlarek said the surfacing material looked sandier than in the past. Bill Dyer noted the new surface still needs to be rolled and vibrated.
4. **Projects planned for the near future**
 - A. **2017 Trails Challenge:** The Committee discussed the feasibility of doing a “lollipop loop” hiking challenge, as proposed by Bill Dyer. There was general agreement about the theme but uncertainty about whether the challenge could be ready for this year. Sheri Dutkanicz recommended that everyone try and prepare for the challenge but if it’s not ready for this year, it can be saved for next year. There was general agreement on that point. Bill Dyer shared a draft list of the hikes. No name for the event was chosen.

Tasks were divided up as follows:

- a. Design path tag: Richard and Sandie Skudlarek
- b. Create pages on the Trail Blog: Richard and Sandie Skudlarek
- c. Determine mileage: Teresa Gallagher
- d. Update display on the Community Center Bulletin Board: Bill Dyer
- e. Hike descriptions:
 - Bill Dyer: #2 Dog Paw, #4 Nicholdale, #11 Paugussett Indian Well
 - Val Gossett: #8 Rec Path/Basil Brook Bypass
 - Terry Gallagher: #12 Paugussett Buddington to Nells Rock loop
 - Sheri Dutkanicz: #6 Indian Well/Tahmore
 - Sandie & Richard Skudlarek: Abby Wright to Four corners loop
- f. Maps: Richard Skudlarek

5. Guided Hikes/Events – Publicity and logistics

- A. Full Moon Guided Hike:** Feb. 10, Friday night, 6:30 pm. Meet at SIS.
- B. Marshmallow Hike:** To be held in March at Nicholdale Farm.
- C. Trails Day:** Saturday, June 3, 10:30 am Rec Path and SIS Bypass Trail (Hike #7 of the 2017 challenge hikes). Meet at Pine Lake. Teresa Gallagher will submit the hike to CFPA for their brochure.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm

The next meeting will be held on March 1, 2017.

Minutes were prepared by Teresa Gallagher and should be considered a draft until approved by the Trails Committee.