City of Shelton
Trails Committee
Meeting Minutes for
August 1, 2018

Present: Terry Gallagher, Mike Flament, Mark Vollaro, Jim Taradine, Val Gosset;
Absent: Bill Dyer, Bob Wood. Also present: Teresa Gallagher (Natural Resource Manager); Richard Skudlarek (former member)

The meeting was called to order by Terry Gallagher at at 5:36 pm.

1. Meeting Minutes: Val Gosset made a motion to approve the July 11, 2018 meeting minutes. Seconded by Mike Flament. All were in favor.

2. Recent Trail Activities:

A. A work party was held to clear vegetation along the Rec Path at Silent Waters (photo). (8 people x 3.5 hrs = 35 hrs)

B. A work party was held to clear the Paugussett Trail between Constitution Blvd and Meadow Street. (9 people x 3 hrs = 27 hrs)

C. Teresa Gallagher reblazed portions of the Paugussett Trail, covered over graffiti, and picked up litter at Indian Well (3.5 hrs)

D. Bill Dyer cleared Turkey Trot Trail (1.5 hrs)

E. Mark Vollaro repaired a chain saw (2 hours)

F. Total hours since the last meeting: 69
3. **Projects planned for the near future:**

   **A. Chestnut Tree along the Lane Street fire access/Rec Path:** Mark Vollaro broke open the chestnut burrs collected last fall and found non-viable “flats” inside. This means there are no other chestnuts pollinating nearby.

   **B. Trail monitoring reports:** Report of tree down on Rec Path. Mike Flament said he planned to clear it.

   **C. 89 Okenuck Way, ZBA Application for a variance in the frontage requirement to create a new rear lot abutting Birchbank Mountain Open Space.** ZBA approved the variance.

   **D. Shelter Ridge/Paugussett Trail Extension:** Terry Gallagher reported that he spoke with John Cook, who said the City has not yet selected an engineer to review the project.

4. **Guided Hikes/Events:**

   **2018 Schedule:**
   
   A. Full Moon Hike Sept 23, 7:00 pm
   B. Shelton Day. Sunday, October 7.
   C. Buddington Loop. Saturday, October 20, 3:00 pm. Buddington Road Paugussett Trailhead.
   D. Turkey Trot Trek. Sunday Nov. 25, 1:00 pm

5. **Potential Work Parties:**

   A. August 11 Work Party: Boehm Pond meet at Far Mill Street 8:30 a.m. Teresa send out the email for the work party.

6. **Expenses were submitted for reimbursement as follows:**

   A. Mark Vallaro for $37.63 for chainsaw parts.
   B. Jim Taradine $21.51 for gas for the gator.
   C. Terrance Gallagher $119.79 for catch basin grates for Rec Path

7. **Comments by members**

   A. Terry Gallagher said that a job he has been working on, the Ansonia River Walk, was just opened with pedestrian bridge over the railroad tracks. A ribbon cutting will be held Saturday morning.

8. **The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm.**

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