



**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 mean 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.
- B. August 25 Work Party: Indian Well at Maples Lot. Crews will remove logs across trail, install a sign at the Rt 110, and clear overgrowth.

**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.*