



City of Shelton
Trails Committee
Meeting Minutes for
September 5, 2018

Present: Bill Dyer, Terry Gallagher, Mike Flament, Mark Vollaro, Jim Taradine, Val Gosset, Bob Wood.

Also present: Teresa Gallagher (Natural Resource Manager)

The meeting was called to order by Bill Dyer at 5:40 pm.

1. **Meeting Minutes: Bob Wood made a motion to approve the August 1, 2018 meeting minutes. Seconded by Val Gosset. All were in favor.**

2. **Recent Trail Activities:**

A. A work party was held to clear overgrown trails at Willis Woods and Nicholdale (photo). Eleven participants averaged 3.5 hours (38.5 hours).



- B. A work party was held at Boehm Pond with ten participants (35 hours).
- C. Jim Taradine, Mark Vollaro, and Luis Isaza cleared cut trees from the Paugussett Trail at lower Indian Well to the Rt 110 crossing (6 hrs)
- D. Mark Vollaro cut blowdowns on the Paugussett Trail from Round Hill Rd to the overlook (3 hrs)
- E. Jim Taradine and Mark Vollaro worked on the DR mower (5 hours)
- F. Jim Taradine, Mark Vollaro, and Luis Isaza cut trees and brush at the Rt 110 Paugussett Trail crossing (6 hours)
- G. Jim Taradine, Mark Vollaro, and Luis Isaza surveyed the Nicholdale Trails in advance of a work party. (3 hours)
- H. Mark Vollaro cleared Paugussett trailheads on Round Hill Road and Princess Wenonah Drive (3 hours)

- I. Bob Wood cleared the entrance to Pine Lake (3 hours)
- J. Mark Vollaro and Jim Taradine removed a tree on the Rec Path and then surveyed the Rec Path to Lane Street and Paugussett to Wellington. (6 hours)
- K. Mark Vollaro cleared a large blowdown from the Paugussett near Four Corners (3.5 hours)
- L. Teresa Gallagher picked up litter and cut back portions of the Paugussett Trail at Indian Well (6 hours)
- M. Eagle Scout Project hours: Josh Andes tally of hours spent constructing and installing benches: 125 hours Eagle Scout Project Josh Andes August 23 email
- N. Total hours since the last meeting: 115 hours Trails Committee and volunteers; 125 hours Eagle Scout project.**

3. **Projects planned for the near future:**

- A. Chestnut Tree along the Lane Street fire access/Rec Path: Bill Dyer will talk to Bob Kulacz.
- B. Trail monitoring reports: Bill Dyer said the program seems to be working well. People are reporting issues. Val Gosset though it would be a good idea to set up an email list and ask for information from monitors prior to work parties in order to prioritize areas.
- C. 89 Okenuck Way, ZBA approved a variance in the frontage requirement to create a new rear lot abutting Birchbank Mountain Open Space. Bill Dyer went to the meeting and said the applicant agreed to move the house away from the trail, so he thought the proposal was fine. He also talked to Rick Schultz in Planning and Zoning and was told the applicant can't just start building, he must come before P&Z.

4. **Guided Hikes/Events:**

2018 Schedule:

- A. Full Moon Hike Sept 23, 7:00 pm. Nicholdale Farm. Sunday.
- B. Shelton Day. Sunday, October 7. Bill Dyer asked who would be available to man a booth. Val Gosset said she was available only in the morning. Bill Dyer, Jim Taradine, Mike Flament, and Bob Wood all said they would be available throughout the day. Terry Gallagher may or may not be available.
- C. Buddington Loop. Saturday, October 20, 3:00 pm. Meet at Buddington Road Paugussett Trailhead. The route will be to follow the Paugussett to Hope Lake, and come back on other trails including the Rec Path and Nells Rock. Sunday Nov. 25, 1:00 pm

5. **Potential Work Parties:**

- A. Sept 8 Paugussett Trail, meet Constitution Blvd North
- B. Sept 22 Rec Path, meet at Upper Wesley crossing.

6. No expenses were submitted.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm.

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