The meeting was called to order by Bill Dyer at 5:32 pm.

1. Meeting Minutes: Bob Wood made a motion to approve the October 3, 2018 meeting minutes. Seconded by Mark Vollaro. All were in favor.

2. Recent Trail Activities:
   A. Both scheduled work parties were rained out.
   B. A guided hike was held at Shelton Lakes beginning on the Paugussett Trail at Buddington Road. There were 21 participants (see photo).
   C. Jim Taradine and Mark Vollaro blew leaves off the Rec Path and marked areas to be repaired in preparation for contractor. (11.00 hrs)
D. Mark Vollaro removed blowdowns on the Paugussett at Birchbank Mountain (2.5 hrs)
E. Mark Vollaro obtained an orange traffic cone and placed it on the Rec Path where a piece of metal was protruding. (0.5 hr)
F. Bill Dyer and Mark Vollaro repaired fencing at Silent Waters and attempted to remove protruding metal from the Rec Path (3.0 hr).
G. Bill Dyer Jim Taradine, and Mark Vollaro cut blowdowns behind Pine Lake and removed protruding metal from the Rec Path (7.50 hr)
H. Mark Vollaro filled in four Rec Path washouts between the Dog Park and Great Ledge. (4.0 hrs)
I. Jim Taradine and Mark Vollaro transported aggregate for use in repairing Rec Path washouts and blew leaves off the Path near Lane Street in preparation for contractors. (7.0 hrs)
J. Jim Taradine, Mark Vollaro, Bill Dyer, and Mike Flament removed a dangerously hung up tree over the trail near the Dog Park. (6.0 hrs)
K. Mark Vollaro blew leaves from side of the Rec Path near Lane Street and dug out stormwater trenches. (3.0 hrs)
L. Mark Vollaro repaired the leaf blower (2.0 hrs)
M. Mark Vollaro cut blowdowns on the Paugussett Trail near Constitution Blvd and Independence Drive, then checked Birchbank for blowdowns (2.0 hrs)
N. Teresa Gallagher began working on a reroute of the Paugussett Trail at Indian Well through dense barberry. (3.0 hrs)
O. Val Gosset worked on clearing Turkey Trot Trail and Oak Valley Trail (2.5 hrs).
P. Val Gosset worked on the blog, email list, emails to Trail Monitors, notices to the Shelton Herald, and corresponded with trail volunteers (2.5 hours)
Q. Bill Dyer worked with the contractors Dan and Dave Landscaping for repairing washouts on the Rec Paths (6 hours)
R. **Total volunteer hours since the last meeting: 62.5** *(Hours do not include events or meetings)*

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

   A. **Lane Street Bridge Repair:** Bill Dyer was on the Lane Street Extension/Rec Path recently and came upon a contractor who was preparing to make a proposal for the project. The contractor estimated it would be a two million dollar project and noted that the specs called for two large trees, 18-24” in diameter to be removed. He wondered why they wanted the trees to come down, since that would increase the cost. Bill Dyer said he will meet with the Mayor.
4. **Guided Hikes/Events:**

   **2018 Schedule:**

   A. Turkey Trot Trek, Sunday, Nov. 25, 1:00 pm, meeting at SIS.

5. **Potential Work Parties:**

   A. Saturday November 10, 8:30 pm Paugussett Trail at 178-182 Thoreau Drive to install a split rail fence and 4x4 post for a trail sign. Other possible tasks include the installation of the Paugussett signs at Round Hill Road and Rt 110. Raindate November 17.

6. **Expenses:** *Terry Gallagher made a motion to approve reimbursement for the following expenses: $12.32 to Jim Taradine for gasoline; $32.30 to Mark Vollaro for a chainsaw chain, hardware, and gas. Bob Wood seconded. All were in favor.*

7. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

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