



**City of Shelton
Trails Committee**
Meeting Minutes for
March 6, 2019

Present: Bill Dyer, Terry Gallagher, Mark Vollaro, Jim Taradine, Val Gosset, Bob Wood, Mike Flament, Mark Vollaro. **Absent:** Bill Dyer. **Also present:** Teresa Gallagher (Natural Resource Manager), Elizabeth “Polly” Buckley (CFPA Paugussett Trail Manager).

The meeting was called to order by Terry Gallagher at 5:35 pm.

1. **Meeting Minutes:** **Bob Wood made a motion to approve the February 6, 2019 meeting minutes. Seconded by Val Gosset. All were in favor.**
2. **Public Portion:** Polly Buckley said that CFPA is interested in having their summer crew construct a bog walk on the Paugussett Trail at Wiacek.



3. Recent Trail Activities:

- A. 42 people joined the Marshmallow March at Nicholdale Farm (photos).
- B. A work party was held to cut trees over the Paugussett Trail behind Hope Lake and remove piles of broken concrete to Oak Valley Road. (Ten participants, 35 hours total).
- C. A work party was held to clear brush from the Rec Path in the Nells Rock



- and Silent Waters area. (Eight people, 24 hrs)
- D. Polly Buckley spent 4.5 hrs working on the Paugussett Trail South, with Mariela Shukis, another CFPA volunteer helping for 2.5 hours (7 hours)
 - E. Mark Vollaro continued cleaning up the piles of broken concrete at Hope Lake (4.5 hrs).
 - F. Mark Vollaro inspected trails and cut up trees and logs from Hope Lake, Basil Brook Bypass, and the Rec Path (3.5)
 - G. Mark Vollaro visited Knights Power Equipment and L&R Power Equipment to obtain prices on trimmers (4.0)
 - H. Marshmallow March event preparation: Terry Gallagher hauled firewood by sled to the camp area. Mike, Bob, and Teresa picked up supplies. Ed McCreery plowed the parking lot. (8.0)
 - I. Val Gosset worked on correspondences with the public, notices of work parties, and proof reading the Shelton Lakes brochure (2.0)
 - J. Terry Gallagher worked on the blog (1.5)
 - K. **Total volunteer hours since the last meeting: 89.5 hrs** (*Hours do not include events or meetings*)
4. **Equipment:** Mark Vollaro obtained quotes for Stihl brushcutters from L&R and Knights are within \$8 of each other. The Stihl FS91 gas powered lightweight brushcutter is \$335. He likes L&R. He's had trouble with Bahners. Terry Gallagher agreed.

Bob Wood left the meeting at 6:15 pm.

Terry Gallagher made a motion to purchase the Stihl FS91 (\$335), power scythe head (\$210), and harness (\$21), for a total of \$566, from L&R Power in Monroe. Mike Flament second. All were in favor.

5. **Shelton Lakes Brochures** were completed and distributed to Committee members. The brochures are 11x17" with a map of the greenway on one side and an explanation of the trail system on the other. Terry Gallagher thought at least 1000 should be ordered in time for Trails Day in June. Teresa Gallagher will obtain quotes.
6. **CFPA Winter Workshop Review.** Mark Vollaro, Terry Gallagher, and Polly Buckley attended CFPA's Winter Trails Workshop at CFPA headquarters in Middlefield. Mark Vollaro described the CFPA "Rock Stars" who move boulders. Rob Butterworth talked about creating bog walks. There were tips on how to run a work party.
7. **Potential Work Parties:**
- A. There will be no work party the second Saturday in March due to snow cover.
 - B. March 23: There will be a work party clearing brush from the sides of the Rec Path. Meet at the lower Wesley Crossing at 9:00 am.

8. **Expenses:** Bob Wood submitted expenses of \$41.98 for hot chocolate from Dunkin Donuts for the Marshmallow March. Mark Vollaro submitted expenses totalling \$75.13 for hardware related to removal of the concrete at Hope Lake, including bolts; gas; and supplies for sharpening chains for chainsaws.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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