



**City of Shelton
Trails Committee**

Meeting Minutes for
November 6, 2019

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

The meeting was called to order by Bill Dyer at 5:30 pm.

1. **Meeting Minutes:** **Bob Wood made a motion to approve the October 2, 2019 meeting minutes. Seconded by Mike Flament. All were in favor.**
2. **Recent Trail Activities:**
 - a. A work party was held to clear drains along the Rec Path (31.5 hrs)
 - b. A work party was held at Boehm Pond Trail to clear trail overgrowth (37.50 hrs).
 - c. Mark Vollaro cleared brush, trees, and rocks at Wiacek so that the gator could be used on it (4.0 hrs)
 - d. Members prepared for the Full Moon Hike. Fifty people joined the hike (12.0 hrs).
 - e. Mark Vollaro cleaned out Rec Path culverts (3.5 hrs)
 - f. Mike Flament cleared a blowdown at Shelton Lakes (1.0 hr)
 - g. Val Gosset handled communications (5.0 hrs)
 - h. Terry Gallagher cleared blowdowns on the Paugussett Trail at Indian Well (4.0 hrs)
 - i. Teresa Gallagher rerouted Tahmore Trail and cleared the east half-loop; reblazed portions of the Paugussett Trail at Indian Well; rerouted a small section of trail and cleared a blowdown at Indian Well (16 hrs)
 - j. Bob Sreb and Mark Vollaro cleared a blowdowns on the Rec Path (1.5 hrs)
 - k. Mark Vollaro cut brush in front of the gate at Wheeler Street (1.0 hrs)
 - l. Jim Taradine and Mark Vollaro cut grass, blew leaves, and sprayed herbicide along the Rec Path near Lane Street (18.50 hrs)
 - m. Bill Dyer worked on the Paugussett Trail at Wiacek (1 hr)
 - n. Bob Wood mowed and cleared the Rec Path (2 hrs)
 - o. Jim Taradine and Mark Vollaro cleared blowdowns on the Rec Path and Turkey Trot Trail, and repaired the split rail fence at Silent Waters. (7.0 hrs)
 - p. Terry Gallagher purchased rails and did some clearing (2.0 hrs)
 - q. Mark Vollaro repaired ruts on the Rec Path near the Dog Park (2.0 hrs)
 - r. Staff reblazed the Red and Yellow Trails at Boehm Pond, updated the Boehm Pond map, dug out the drainage channel crossing the Paugussett at Wiacek, and removed six bags of litter from the corner of Shelton Ave and Willoughby Road at Turkey Trot Trail.

- s. **Total volunteer hours since the last meeting: 146.5 hrs** (*Hours do not include events, meetings, or staff time*)

3. Potential Projects:

- a. Rec Path washouts at Dog Park: Stormwater is coming down from the Dog Park area and running down the Rec Path, creating washouts that have been filled four times this season. Mark Vollaro looked into renting a sod remover at Home Depot, which could be used to roll up the sod alongside the Rec Path. Volunteers could then dig a shallow swale and the sod would be replaced. Terry Gallagher said that a contractor could also do it, the volunteers should be focusing on hiking trails. Bill Dyer will talk to Dean.

4. Guided Hikes/Events:

- a. Turkey Trot Trek, Sunday, December 1 at 1:00 pm. Hike Leader: Bill Dyer.

5. Work Parties Scheduled:

- a. November 9, 9:00 am Birchbank. Leader: Terry Gallagher
- b. November 23, 9:00 am Leader: Turkey Trot Trail, meet at SIS. Leaf removal and possible reroute of steep section requiring some digging into the side of the hill. Leader: Bill Dyer.
- c. Dec 14, 9:00 am, Riverview Park (tentative). Leaf removal. Meet at the basketball courts.

6. **Expenses: Terry Gallagher made a motion to reimburse Mark Vollaro \$55.69 for the purchase of herbicide, supplies for the Full Moon Hike, and a rake. Seconded by Bob Wood. All were in favor.**

7. 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.