

**City of Shelton  
Trails Committee**

Meeting Minutes for  
May 3, 2017



**Present:** Bill Dyer (Chair), Bob Wood, Richard Skudlarek, Jim Taradine, Terry Gallagher, Val Gosset, Sheri Dutkanicz, Sandie Skudlarek (arrived 6:32 p.m.)

Also present: Teresa Gallagher, Natural Resource Manager

**The meeting was called to order by Bill Dyer, Chairman, at 5:35 pm.**

**1. Meeting Minutes: Sheri Dutkanicz made a motion to approve the April 2017 meeting minutes. Seconded by Bob Wood. All were in favor.**

**2. Recent Trail Activities:**

- A. A **bridge over Boehm Brook** was constructed to alleviate a hazardous crossing (photo)
- B. A potential minor **reroute of the Paugussett Trail** was cleared through the recently acquired Maybeck property in order to move the trail off the Wiacek meadow, which requires frequent mowing.
- C. The annual **Birchbank wildflower hike** was held (photo page 2).
- D. CFPA and REI cleared and benched a 600-ft reroute of the **Paugussett Trail at Indian Well** to bypass a steep section.
- E. CFPA and trail managers Terry and Teresa Gallagher cleared out the **Indian Well overlook** along the Paugussett Trail.
- F. Bill Dyer met with a Boy Scout interested in improving **Basil Brook Bypass**.



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

- A. **2017 “Lollipop Loop” Trails Challenge:** The kick-off is June 3, Trails Day. Bill Dyer has nine hike write-ups, the announcement, a cover page, and the form. Not complete are the maps and three trail write-ups. Bill Dyer will send the nine hike descriptions around for proof reading. Teresa Gallagher suggested that the hike descriptions be personalized by adding the committee member’s name who wrote the description.

- B. **Benches:** Jim Taradine and Richard Skudlarek may install one of the concrete benches at the Hope Lake dam.
- C. **Plan of Conservation and Development Update:** Terrance Gallagher attended the public hearing and said comments from the general public supported open space. The hearing has been continued to May 24.
- D. **Paugussett Trail relocation at Indian Well State Park.** CFPA staff flagged out a substantial reroute through the state park to bypass the steepest section of trail. The route at the top is uncertain depending in part on whether they can get approval for the reroute onto Land Trust property.

4. **Guided Hikes/Events:**

- A. May – none
- B. June 3, Sunday, 10:30 am Trails Day. Lollipop Loop kickoff featuring the Rec Path.
- C. July 15, Saturday, 9:00 am Lollipop loop hike from Dog Park to Eklund Garden.
- D. August - none
- E. Sept. 10, Sunday, 1:00 pm Tahmore Lollipop Loop Hike
- F. Oct. 1, Sunday, Shelton Day
- G. Oct. 8, Sunday 1:00 pm, Boehm Pond. Meet at Winthrop Woods Road. Lollipop Loop Hike.
- H. Nov. 4, 7:00 pm Full Moon Hike (location not determined)
- I. Nov. 26, Sunday, 1:00 pm Turkey Trot Trek



*(Sandie Skudlarek arrived at 6:32 p.m.)*

5. **Potential Work Parties:**

- A. May 13, Saturday, 8:30 a.m. Silent Waters fence repair. Meet at SIS.
- B. May 20, Saturday, 8:30 a.m. Silent Waters fence repair, clearing SIS bypass if necessary. Meet at SIS.

6. **Expenses:**

Terry Gallagher submitted a receipt for \$30.99 for a brushcutter blade to cut Japanese Barberry.

7. **Comments by Members:** Jim Taradine requested that the installation of the large Paugussett Trail sign be added to the list of future projects.

8. **The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.** The next meeting will be held on June 7, 2017.

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