Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee

Minutes of the 5/11/11 meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chair Paul Jahnige. Also present were Diane Merritt, John Hoogstraten, Eileen Keegan, Gwen Blodgett, and Susan Milsom. There was a visitor, Phil Merritt.

Minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

PJ is setting up an account with a store in Conway for purchase of tools for committee work.

Committee members GB and DM attended a meeting of the Mill River Greenway Initiative. Several other town residents were there. The Initiative now has a website.

On June 11, Geoff LeBaron will lead a walk focusing on birds in the Graves Farm area. It will last 2-3 hours.

There was discussion about identifying landowners whose land might be crossed for a 4 Town Trail.

Members have walked town trails to check on their condition. Most trails are in good shape. The Merritts are extending the trails at Big View. Several pallets have been set in wet areas on the Briar Hill trail; PJ will report this to the Conservation Commission.

With the Trustees of Reservations, we will co-sponsor a garlic mustard talk and pull on May 26 at the Petticoat Hill area. On June 25, the Trustees have planned a workshop on water control on trails, also at Petticoat Hill.

EK has written a letter to recruit new members to the committee. She will send it to people on our email list.

GB walked a potential trail at the end of Valley View Road with Ron Wolanin; this will connect with Audubon land. He approved the location of the trail. Audubon will handle chain saw work, blazing, and signage. We will do lighter clearing. A couple of bog bridges may be needed; WWTC would organize that project.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by Susan Milsom