

**The Delaney Planning Committee**  
**Unofficial Minutes**  
**April 10, 2017**

**Members in Attendance:**

Tim Makepeace, Felix Reed, Cathy Walker, Ellen Malone, Joe Phillips, Rich Holcomb, Tracee Rupe

**Audience in attendance:**

Chuck Helfer, Pam Burlingame

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by Rich Holcomb

**Approval of the December 12, 2016 minutes:** Tracee made a motion to approve the minutes, Ellen seconded the motion, and they were approved unanimously.

**Approval of the January 9, 2017 minutes:** Cathy made a motion to approve, Joe seconded it, they were approved unanimously.

**Treasurers Report:** Tracee had inquired about a contribution from the MWA toward the cost of the school picnic. There is no record in the town ledger of it. Rich said that his Wife Tammy would know. He will check on it. Tracee stated there had been no income since the last report, and one expense, postage for the survey of \$392.00. We have a total of \$27,070.81 in our account.

Pam Burlingame, the regional stewardship manger of the Vermont Land Trust (VLT), came to tell us about the vernal pool hike the VLT has planned in the Delaney Woods, in celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> year. It will be on April 23, at 9:30am. It is free to VLT members, and a small cost to non-members. The maximum number of people they will be able to accommodate is 25. There will be a guest speaker, and amphibian expert, along with Pam, who will conduct the adventure. She asked if we would approve of the hike, and were comfortable with the details. The committee was happy to have the trails used, and did approve of it. There ware concerns by the committee, and Pam, about the condition, and capacity of the parking are in the Woods. Pam stated that they would use the woods parking area for family, and folks who need to park close to the trial head. She would speak to Ricco & Jill about the possibility of parking on some of their land, and encourage people to park in the Lakeside parking area. The committee has approved the money to improve the parking area, and Ellen said she would attend the Select board meeting on Tuesday, April 11, to formally ask them to do the work before April 23.

She then spoke of the management plan. It needs to have some more specific and detailed guidelines and plans of how we intend to manage the properties. She had brought some examples of good plans for us to look at, and will send an e-mail with links to other examples. The committee was appreciative of this, and the committee will address the management plan.

Pam also brought to our attention a grant by Vermont Urban and Community Forestry entitled "Town Forest Recreation Planning Community Assistance Program." It is specifically to help town in considering and creating a management plan. They will provide a grant to 10 towns, for the exact purpose of writing a management plan.

Ellen had also read it, and was bring it to us as well. The committee discussed it, and Cathy will begin the process of writing the application. The deadline for filing the application is June first. Cathy will bring her work to the next meeting for the committee to work with.

Tracee had contacted the Fish and Game department to see if they were willing to donate their old dock to the Lakeside Park. They had said no, but it will be posted for sale sometime close to Memorial Day. The committee is interested in purchasing it for a reasonable sum.

Cathy has spoken with Chris Stone who will be happy to walk the trails with the committee on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The afternoon was requested by Ellen and Cathy.

Cathy will contact him to confirm a time and let everyone know. Charles Helfer requested he be notified as well, and Cathy will include him in her notification.

Pam informed us that she had noticed the Delaney Cross Road was washing out beyond the Ciamillo home. Tim will look at it.

Chuck said the first weekend in June the Slate Valley Trail club will be building the foot bridge to cross the brook at the beginning of the trail system. He also said that if Chris Stone and the committee approve the new trail that they have laid out construction of it would begin in early June. The committee is grateful for all SVT had done.

In Lakeside Park the dock will go in as early as Rich can get it there.

Spring clean up involves cleaning out the BBQ grills, sealing the picnic tables, and dealing with goose droppings. There was discussion about how to deal with the droppings. Felix suggested that perhaps we can find a mechanical way to do it. He will look into it. He also volunteered to clean out the grills. Perhaps Rich will be able to get the Boy Scouts to help with sealing the tables.

Ellen brought the survey results. They will be posted in the Post Office, at the Wells Country Store and the Town Hall by Cathy. The taxpayers voted 82 to 23 in favor of building a pavilion.

Cathy said that Lisa Mattison Yates, the Wells School principal had requested June 15<sup>th</sup>, with June 22<sup>nd</sup> as a rain date for the School Picnic this year. All approved. The committee also approved a budget of up to \$500.00 for the picnic. Cathy will organize the picnic.

Public comment was taken through out the meeting.

Joe made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Felix seconded it. Meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm.

The next regular meeting of the Delaney Committee is May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Wells Town Hall at 7:00pm.

Submitted this day, April 13, 2017, by Cathy Walker Secretary.

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