

**The Delany Committee**  
**Unofficial Minutes**  
**October 9, 2017**

Members in attendance: Joe Phillips, Felix Reed, Rich Holcomb, Ellen Malona, Cathy Walker

Audience: Bill Alexander

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm

Bill inquired about the mowing of the Delaney Woods parking lot. It needs to be spruced up. He has weed wacked this year, and was asking if we could include the mowing of it in next year's landscaping bids. Yes, we agreed, but it has to be brought to the select board. Could we also include mowing the sides of the road, as they too are overgrown. Ellen said that the road crew is really stretched to keep up with regular maintenance as they are still working on damage from the flash flood of July. We talked about the muddy condition of the parking lot, and how it needs to be addressed. Perhaps a perimeter drain? The committee will have to address this issue.

Bill asked if we wanted to choose the name for the new trail in the Delaney Woods. Joe asked what the minutes said, and Cathy read September's minute. They said that Slate Valley Trails could pick the name, and we and the select board would have the right to approve it. Bill said he would include Buck Snort, our suggestion, in a list of names to be mailed out to the SVT members and let us know their choice. He would like to add an 8 1/2" X 11" laminated trail map to the sign in the parking area. He says folks are getting confused about where the trails start. We oked it, after the name is chosen. He would like the trail map to be included on the town website, and we agree. He will talk with Nora about getting it added.

Drew Bentley sent his thanks to the committee for allowing his class at Green Mountain College to use the Lakeside Park to learn about trail design. Bill tells us that Drew is having his student draw up and present their ideas to the class, and would like to bring a design he selects to the committee later this year.

We are delighted to have helped, and are interested in seeing what the design will be.

Bill spoke to us about blazing the trails. It's been a year since he first asked, and he would like to see us move forward on this. We would too. There was some discussion, and he showed us a sample of the trail marker that SVT use. It's a white plastic square, with the SVT logo, and an arrow. It costs about \$1.44each. He left the sample with us to help us in our decision.

After some discussion Ellen made a motion to blaze the trails in different colors of reflective paint. Joe seconded it, and all were in favor.

Cathy brought 5 sets of minutes, June, July, August, August special meeting, and September of 2017. After a lengthy reading and review the minutes were accepted with minor correction.

June: Joe made the motion to accept, Cathy seconded and it passed.

July: Joe made the motion to accept and Ellen seconded, and it passed.

August: Joe made the motion to accept, and Rich seconded, and it passed.

August Special: Joe again made the motion, and Rich seconded, and it passed.

September: Joe made the motion to accept, and Ellen seconded it, and it passed.

There was no treasure's report presented.

No pavilion sketches or budgets were presented.

We talked about the budget request for 2018-2019. Looking at the possible cost of the pavilion, and our current balance of approximately \$27,000.00, and the addition of \$8000.00 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, we felt that we would have enough funds to build the pavilion. There was discussion about money for signage, materials for the roads and parking lots, etc., and a review our historical appropriation. Joe made a motion to request \$8000.00 for our fiscal 2018-2019 appropriation. Felix seconded it and it passed.

Cathy gave a brief grant update. After talking with Kate Forrer of the Vt. Urban and Community Forest, the grantors, she learned that the organization understands that many recipients have many of the required steps covered. There will be a meeting/summit in November which Cathy will attend, to learn what steps, and how we will be working, to fulfill the letter of collaboration, and write our property management plan.

Felix inquired if we could store the dock at the park this year, saving Rich, and the dock, some wear and tear. If the dock, which is town property is covered under Wells liability insurance, the answer is yes. Rich will check with Nora. Joe made the motion we store the dock at the park if it is covered by insurance, Felix seconded it and it passed.

Felix asked if the picnic table need some care, another coat of sealer? Rich said probably. Rich told us that the Modern Woodman of America have asked him to take the picnic table they are giving us down to the park soon. After some discussion Felix has offered to store them at his home for the winter. Thank you Felix.

Cathy told the committee she had had a discussion with Nora regarding correcting Kevin Moffit's named in the July 2014 minutes. Nora has taken all but the last 12 months of minutes off the website, so the only way to correct it is in the book of printed minutes. Cathy will do this. Cathy will also send a letter to Kevin telling him the corrections have been made, and asking him to notify us of any future correction that need to be made within 30 days of the unofficial minutes being posted.

Felix asked about trimming the brush we originally cut back in 2013 when we were building the park. It may become an issue, and he is concerned about the shoreline bill restriction. Ellen said that since it was trimmed before the bill came into effect we have the right to keep it trimmed.

Rich updated us on RJ's garden. The MWA put in a large load of gravel, and replaced several of the bushes. The planted 2 crab apples, and 2 hydrangeas. It looks great. The committee was appreciative of the work and donation.

Joe made a motion to adjourn at 8:13pm, Felix seconded it, and it passed. Meeting adjourned.

Public comment was taken throughout the meeting.

Submitted this day, October 11, 2017 by Cathy Walker Secretary.

