

**Minutes for Charlotte Trails Committee
October 9, 2018 6:00 pm at Town Hall**

Members present: Ajat Tariyal, David Ziegleman, John Limanek, Christine Cowart, Ethan McLaughlin, Laurie Thompson, Margaret Russell
Mary VanVleck(liaison from Conservation Commission)

1. The Committee welcomed its two new members – Ajat and Ethan.
2. Underpass Celebration – Discussed our well-attended celebration... enough food, great attendance, great to see so many families. Everyone agreed we should have at least one celebration a year on the Town Link Trail.
3. 3rd bench purchase – Ajat will work with SD Ireland and Jr. Lewis to get another bench
4. Dog poop bags – options & costs – Christine suggested we get Trail Map holders – with poop bag option – to put at beginnings of our trails. She will look into types and cost
5. 2019/20 budget – Margaret & Laurie submitted the budget to the Selectboard, and requested \$30,000 to be added to our reserve fund for next year. So our annual budget requested is \$1,500 and our reserve fund requested budget is \$35,000. The \$35,000 will go toward building the State Park Rd. section of the Town Link Trail. The Selectboard will decide if the \$30,000 request goes in the budget or is a separate article.
6. Grant Application – Selectboard approved the pre-application for the Vermont Forests, Parks, & Rec Grant. The Grant application is due January 1, 2019.
7. Wetlands Permit & Trail Design – State Park Rd. Jim Donovan is spearheading this project. He has a Steering Committee and a timeline for meetings, as well as Public Work Sessions, to submit the wetlands permit by November and to complete the design of the trail by December/January.
8. Someone needs to attend Planning and Zoning meetings to be sure that easements aren't forgotten. The Committee decided this will be a rotating position. Ajat agreed to be the first person to take this position.
9. Easements... Laurie has started working on the getting easements on the 4 properties north of co-housing. Ajat and Ethan shared ideas about how we might convince landowners to give the town an easement. David, Margaret, John & Laurie walked the Mack easement, north of the 4 lots, and discovered that a trail from co-housing to the Mack property would require only crossing Thorpe Brook once.

Other: Ajat is leading a group from the Senior Center on a walk on the Town Link Trail.

Action Items:

Ajat will get bench

Christine will research trail map holders & poop bag dispensers

Laurie will get easements

Ajat will use easement map and get actual documents for all easements in Charlotte

Laurie & John will write Grant

Next Meeting – November 13, 2018 7:00 p.m. Town Hall