

Meeting of the T & T committee June 22nd 2016

In attendance: Peter Murray, Rick Dunn, Angus Ferguson, Doug Bickerton, Jim Garrah, John Cornish

Regrets: Dwayne Fletcher

Guests: Ray Wilson and Bill Shepherd

It was moved by Rick and seconded by Doug that the minutes of the June 22nd meeting be accepted. Motion carried.

Ray Wilson presented the committee with all the trail markers from the wildwood trail which, he and his wife Sarah had removed from trees with some difficulty. Chair Peter thanked Ray and Sarah for their initiative and diligence.

Trails

Trails maintenance: Jim reviewed his comprehensive inspection of our trails. Some discussion re: the steps on the McClean's loop took place and members agreed that alternatives should be found. The committee suggested to Chair Peter that he make contact with the new Director of Public Works to arrange a time so that the committee could meet with him and review the relationship between the committee and the Town that has evolved in the last 2-3 years and talk about tree watering, etc. Rick raised the issue that the intersection of the Lions loop and 4th Street could be made more safe as those traveling the trail had pointed out that signage is hidden and that there is insufficient warning to travelers that there is a busy street ahead. It was suggested that perhaps a cross hatch across the road would warn cars to be on the lookout for people exiting this section.

Trail maintenance by the committee: We can do some work this fall and the installation of the boards recovered from the Wildwood trail should be installed on the trail in wet areas. The committee will conduct a walk through parts of the trail on Tuesday, October 20, at 08:30 to assess areas in need of maintenance attention. Location of meeting to be confirmed.

Public Input: It was the general opinion of the committee based on user comments that the trails are well maintained and an asset to the town.

Trail future plans: The area known as Machars Woods has potential to establish a link from the Bay Road to Bluff Park. Peter will be meeting with the Davis family owners of this property to explore this idea.

New Business: Doug brought to the committee's attention that signs directing the public to the River street canoe launch have been removed by vandals and after discussion he was given the go-ahead to purchase new ones at a cost not to exceed \$175.00.

Trees

Town annual tree planting: Peter indicated that we will need to communicate with council re: the opinion of the committee that no fall planting should take place this year and our disappointment of the lack of watering newly planted trees which now have died and will need replacement.

EAB and dead trees: The committee discussed that the town had contracted to have the Treeazin treatment applied to 32 ash trees. This is the second year. Discussion re: dead tree removal on private property and the danger to residents and property if they do not act to remove the dead tree. Town policy was discussed and Peter will approach Brenda Guy to get some answers.

Urban Forest Plan status: Peter will continue to work on this. Completion date for December 31, 2016.

Next meeting will be at the Town Hall on October 13th at 9 AM.

