

Town of Dover Trails & Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
via Zoom & in person
Tuesday, February 8, 2022

Members present via Zoom: Mike Purcell, Tom Oakley, Sarah Shippee, Matt Nicklis, Patricia Sweeney

Also present: Eric Durocher, Paul Fisher

Also present via Zoom: Shannon Wheeler, Andy McLean, Mike Garber, Julia LaGrange, Jim McDevitt

A recording of this meeting can be found here: <https://youtu.be/ZDeSk6aNwcE>

Moderator Eric Durocher called meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

I. Public comments:

- a. Tom – SoVTA looking for updates on slow signs for Rice Hill Rd, plowing of parking lot at Horace Hill, Inn at Sawmill Farm bridge/signage and dirt fill in. *Eric will look into these and let Tom know.*

II. Additions or changes to the agenda: Adding DVSJ rep introduction

III. Approve minutes from January 11th meeting:

- a. Motion by Patricia, seconded by Sarah – motion passes unanimously.

IV. DVSJ Representative Introduction:

- a. Matt Nicklis introduced himself to the group.

V. ERSA Grant Update:

- a. Still no update; grant application response keeps getting pushed out. Was initially mid-November.

VI. Act250 Updates:

- a. Official green light that no permit is required for Handle Rd parking area as well as Dover Town Forest parking expansion. Horace Hill also okayed with some additional permitting possibly required on lower area due to wetlands and will get into that during engineering phase.
 - i. Mike: asking again for a loop to be including in Horace Hill planning. *Not included in project review sheet map but do still want to ensure that works in there as well.*

VII. In person Meeting Discussion:

- a. Changes to public meeting law by Governor so we do not need to have an in-person option for the time being. In person attendance has been very low and online has been convenient. Eric would like to move to online only.

On a motion by Sarah, Shippee seconded by Mike Purcell, the committee voted unanimously to hold trails and recreation committee meetings as remote meetings until further notice.

VIII. Trail Counter Purchase:

- a. Eric sent information on 4 infrared trail counters and related items to purchase from same vendor Windham Regional Commission uses for theirs. They would be placed at Horace Hill, Dover Town Forest, along a paved section of the Valley Trail and one floating location depending on the time of year.

IX. Trails Process Document Discussion:

- a. Sarah updated wording and just prior to meeting Julia sent additional changes. Another round of updates will be made and would like to finalize all documents at next meeting.

X. Motion to adjourn by Sarah at 7:30 PM, seconded by Mike

Next meeting: March 8th.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Wheeler
Economic Development, Town of Dover