

**MINUTES**  
**Trails Committee**  
**September 8, 2014**

Attending: Lenore and Wayne Renaud, Gail Johnson, Dave Mitchell, Sue Trecartin, Helen Beattie, Nicole Miller, Eric Remick, Emmet Avery

1. **Trails Condition.** Good. New culverts put in to replace broken boards. There are a couple of trees down.
2. **Financials.** We have \$7,420.85 as of 8/31/14. We're at the beginning of the fiscal year. The grant will determine where the money goes.

From the Select Board meeting: The library and Rec Dept. carry forward funds. There is an attempt to straighten that out. Eric assured them that we like the town handling our money. We have two options: Go with a budget and line item in the capital budget that wouldn't get funded by the town that we could put money into. Or, get permission from the voters to carry forward money. Eric will meet with John to figure out what we can do. Either way will work.

3. **Minutes** of August meeting. Approved. Moved by Sue, seconded by Dave.
4. **Eagle Scout.** Not present. He will get in touch if he needs to get it done.
5. **Bike Trail.** Open House this fall? The upper side is in great shape. It needs some signage if people are going to start riding. We will postpone until spring when we have signage. We could set aside an evening to introduce people to the trails. Dave and Emmet will talk to Chris and get back to us.
6. **Pumpkin Walk.** We have a date—Sunday, October 12, but only about 12 pumpkins from High Mowing. There isn't much of a market for organic pumpkins and they had a disease issue. We need 400 by Monday, October 6, preferably by Friday, the 4<sup>th</sup>. Perhaps we could go to Front Porch Forum to get a number from a few places. Contacts for donations or low price (\$2 per maximum):

- Lenore will contact Ben Notterman and The Center for an Agricultural Economy
- Helen will contact Gladstones in Newbury and Bill Happ
- Sue will contact a farm in Monroe, NH, that she passed
- Gail will contact the Waddells in Morrisville
- Eric will contact the Co-Op.

Our cider and doughnut source has dried up. Helen will contact Cold Hollow, and Helen or Nicole will go to Costco. We could also call Koffee Kup directly and ask Connie's Kitchen.

7. **Poetry Trail.** The new poems are up except for #12 that has been destroyed again. We will move it farther down the stream and put a new post in #7 that was broken off. Thanks, Eric, for

the post. Sue will write an editorial for the Gazette that includes Dave Dillon's poem for the trails. Since we only received three usable poems from Hazen, Nicole will talk to the 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade team to solicit more poetry. We will use as an incentive that the poems selected will be rewarded with a Trails t-shirt.

Sue will invite the two Hazen principals, Mike Moriarty and John Craig, to attend a meeting as they have expressed a strong interest in the Trails. Helen has a meeting with them this Friday regarding the low ropes course. John Craig is a certified ropes course instructor and builder.

8. **Cystic Fibrosis Walk.** Cancelled for this year. The group will combine with the Burlington Great Strides Walk.

9. **Shepard Easement.** Eric was contacted by Bruce Urie who will walk the trails with him. He will need a map that includes the mountain bike trails.

10. **Grant.** No word yet; they are to let us know in September.

11. **Gas for cabin.** We need some; Lenore will contact Ron to order.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Trecartin

Next Meeting: 5:30 PM, October 6, 2014, at the Cabin.