

# GMF TRAILS COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

June 25, 2020- Zoom- 6 pm

1. **Meeting called to Order** at 6:04 PM by Chairman Rocco Blasi
2. **Attending-** Rocco Blasi, Dick Bratton, Rebecca Ochkie, Jan Smith, Claudia Eley, Don Walker, Rob Schillinger, Mike Lohman, Richard Brown, Chris Watling, Mayor Jane Newberry, Mayor Pro Tem Margaret Peterson. Lisa Townsend absent.
3. **Agenda Approval** as amended- M/S Brown/Smith. Passed 10:0
4. **Approve Minutes** of June 11, 2020- M/S Eley/Lohman. Passed 10:0
5. **Public Input - Items not on Agenda**
  - Eley sought comments from GMF business owners seeking solutions to problems caused by the influx of visitors to town. Those contacted were supportive of the trails saying they appreciate the business from hikers. They were however concerned about parking. A solution suggested was posting 'parking for business patrons only' signs to along their adjacent streets. The opening of Green Box parking areas for increased hikers parking has been offered. All business owners were extremely concerned about closed town restrooms. They can only accommodate patron usage due to septic limitations. People have been relieving themselves near the creek, a threat to public health. They felt the town must open and maintain the restrooms and/or provide 'Mr. Pots etc. Eley will provide more info for next meeting and forward to GMF Town Manager and Clerk.
6. **Mt. Dewey Trail update**
  - Move to recommend to GMF Board of Trustees (BoT) to reopen all portions of the Mt. Dewey Trail which lie on Historic Green Mountain Falls Foundation (HGMFF) property. M/S Ochkie/Watling 10:0
  - Move to recommend to BoT to allow modified trail maps indicating 'Closed' over private property on Mt. Dewey. M/S Watling/Smith 10:0. Will stamp current maps with 'Closed' over affected areas on maps. Watling contacted AllTrails app personnel to remove maps that are on private property.
  - Move: As the TC was not involved in posting signage related to the Mt Dewey closure, and as this detracted from Public Works personnel time, the TC advises the BoT that we stand ready to assist in trails-related signage efforts at no cost to the Town. M/S Bratton/Watling 10:0. Town employees spent about a half day posting incorrect Trails Closed signs that TC obtained permission to correct.

**Zoom Meeting Discontinued at 6:38 PM- no further discussion**

7. **Ordinance No. 2020-03, Amending Chapter 2 Concerning Boards, Committees, and Commissions**
  - Move: This draft Ordinance is advertised as 'administrative housekeeping by the Town Manager. As this ordinance seeks to remove current voting TC members,

the TC requests specific legal or insurance clarification that necessitates this proposed change. If there is no concrete legal or insurance reason, the TC advises keeping current Committee structure intact.

**8. NEXT SPECIAL MEETING- Tuesday June 30, 2020- Zoom 6 PM**

**9. Adjournment-** (prematurely) terminated by Zoom at 6:38

**ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

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**Chairman Rocco Blasi**

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**Secretary Rebecca Ockie**