TOWN OF SOMERS

Open Space and Trails Committee

Meeting Minutes

Monday November 16h, 2026, 6:30 PM

Town Hall Auditorium

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ann Moses at 6:31 PM

II. Members Present:

Ann Moses, Richard Bailey, Joan Sears (on phone}, Dominic Wilson, Patrice Carson, Chuck Carson, Barbara Anderson Samantha Charette and Todd Rolland

III. Audience: None

IV. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Patrice Carson to approve the 4/20/2026 minutes as presented. Seconded by Richard Bailey. Motion carried.

V. Correspondence: A Somers resident inquired about a bronze plaque that use to be on a boulder near the Camp Aya Po entrance and gave information about Camp Aya Po. The plaque is missing and to date Todd has not been able to locate it. It is possible it was stolen for its scrap metal value.

VI. Old Business:

Joan Sears contacted the Somers High School regarding students needing community volunteer hours but to date has not heard back.

Dom Wilson reported that the Camp Aya Po trails are in good shape with the exception of a downed tree on the blue trail.

An ATV has bee driven through a gap at the end of the stone wall by the boat launch and across the field to the lake. It was suggested that this gap be closed off to prevent this encroachment in the future. Also vines are starting to obscure some signs at Aya Po and need to be removed.

Dom reported the amphitheater is in bad shape. This has been a continuing problem and it was suggested that the existing benches be removed and replaced with a couple of new benches either by the water or at the top of the bank.

VII. New Business: None

VIII. Next Meeting: The next SOSTC meeting is scheduled for Monday April 19th 2027 at 6:30 PM.

IX. Adjournment: 6:54 PM. Motion to adjourn by Patrice Carson, seconded by Ann Moses. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Bailey - Secretary