



Town of Oak Ridge
Mountains to Sea Trail Committee Meeting
March 25, 2025

Minutes

Attendees: Teresa Barbery, Bill Bruce, Joel Deaton, Stephanie Ferrell, Mike Kimmel, Martha Pittman, Anne Steele

- Minutes from the Feb 25 meeting were reviewed and approved
- Project updates (Joel)
 - Headwaters trail project work has been completed. Trail is in good shape. After the last workday, Joel raked a portion of the trail that backs up to Rivergate.
 - Next phase – Linville Road to Town Park/Carriage Cove and Pemberley Estates
 - New easement for parking lot behind the Scuba Shop allows for sign along Hwy 150.
 - Trail was mapped from parking lot through the easement
 - Brainstormed ideas for trail route options through the east side of Oak Ridge to consider for the long-term that includes a second loop through the northern side of Oak Ridge
 - Next step is to identify existing easements, sidewalks, challenges along potential route while working to finish the trail behind Pemberley
 - Workday scheduled for Wednesday, March 26 to start building out the trail from the new easement
 - 33 trees need to be removed from the trail
- MST Liaison (Joel)
 - Joel, Martha and Anne attended the Friends of the MST Gathering held in the Outer Banks in early March
 - Volunteer time value has increased to \$33.49/hour
 - More than 1,000 people volunteered on the MST in 2024
 - Joel Deaton and Anne Steele were recognized for having 75+ hours of volunteer time for the MST during 2024.
- Manager's Update (Bill Bruce)
 - Reviewed list of committee members who were on the member list. A motion was made and passed to remove the members who had not been active on the committee list for a significant period of time.
- Additional updates:
 - **Canine Capers** – Saturday, April 26 (set-up at 8:00/ event: 9:00 – 1:00) MST will have a booth (Martha will lead efforts)

- **Facebook page** – Anne will send a few updates to be posted
- **Trail work days** – other than workday scheduled for tomorrow, additional workdays to be held on Saturday, April 12 and Wednesday, April 30.

- **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted by:

Anne Steele, Chair