

Special Trail development Committee Meeting
Monday September 28, 2015

Meeting began at 7:10

Members present: Lee Burnett, Dollie Hutchins, Don Roux, Thom Gagné

1. Approval of minutes from the August 31, 2015 meeting: Motion by Don and seconded by Dollie to approve the minutes as presented. Unanimously approved.

2. Old Business:

a) Maine National Guard repairs: Lee reported about the meeting with Adam Cote of the N.G. From the meeting a plan was devised to repair the project which will involve the return of the Guard for a max of three days. See attached for details.

Motion by Dollie not to send a letter of concern to the National Guard since Adam cote attended the on site meeting and helped develop a plan for remediation. Seconded by Don. Unanimously approved.

b) Maintenance needs/budget: The committee reviewed the compilation of needed repairs and regular maintenance that Lee put together from the individual submission of committee members who assessed the different trails. It was proposed that \$1,500 of Forestry funds should be used to fund the needed repairs and annual maintenance as listed in the compilation list. See item 2.c) below.

c) Forestry funds reallocation: The proposed allocation amounts on the attachment were discussed. Lee made a correction on the local match for a RTP grant. The total was changed to \$7,000 from \$7,500 (less \$500). Also, the repair for the remaining erosion on High School Trail Phase 1 was reduced to \$18,000 from \$19,000 (less \$1,000). The resulting \$1,500 derived from these reductions is to be dedicated to trail maintenance/repair.

Any funds left over from the other lines are proposed to go to to the local match for a RTP grant up to \$15,000.

Motion by Don and seconded by Thom to recommend the reallocation of funds as proposed. Unanimously approved.

d) Springvale Farm Trail: Lee reported that the Indi Go Go Campaign ended. The net amount raised after the 9% fee was \$4,000. This was below our goal but, still a good amount for matching funds. Lee stated

that he believes that fund raising will need to be part of what we do on a regular basis.

3. New Business: RTP Grant Applications for 2016

- a) Lee reported on his meeting with Doug Beck from the State Recreational Trails Program with regards to two of our projects. First, is the High School Trail. He informed Lee that the fence relocation on the H.S. trail to the Public Works property does not qualify for funding. Also, the Pioneer Ave. to School Street section is a disconnected trail. To improve our grant application score we need to show connectivity from the bike path/trail on Heritage Dr. to the Pioneer Ave. trailhead. Then we need to show connectivity across School St. to the H.S. Trail Phase 2. Second, Doug made observations about the Springvale Farm Trail. He stated that the maximum grant is \$35K. However, if you have a bridge as part of the project then you are eligible for \$100K. There are two bridges in this trail project. Connectivity is also important. The Farm Trail could be connected to ITS 89 and Vigue Rd. Trail.

Motion by Dollie and seconded by Thom that the Trail Committee apply for a grant to complete Phase 1 of the H.S. Trail. Unanimously approved.

Another motion by Dollie and seconded by Thom to provide all the local matching money for a RTP grant to improve the Springvale Farm Trail and apply for a grant if the So. Me. Snowgowers decide not to apply for this grant. Motion approved unanimously.

- b) Lee reported that the Vigue Rd. Trail is about 1/2 mile long and about half of it is in Shoreland Zoning. The city CEO office stated that on the Shoreland section, the addition of the following can be added to the trail to maintain it: 2" of crushed gravel and 2" of stone dust. The RTP grant funds have been awarded to the MW Land Trust.
- c) Grant Application for the High School Trail Phase 2. To fund Phase 2, the Trail Committee recommends that the city hire a forester to hold a timber sale from the 40 acres that will be cleared for the new H.S. The proceeds of that sale to be used as the local match to get a grant from the DOT. Due to the fact that the entire trail is located in the Shoreland Zone, only 4" of material will be needed to cover the trail/sewer line and that the costs would be reasonable. Motion by Thom and seconded by

Don to recommend to the city council that a forester hold a timber sale from the 40 acres of H.S. land and said funds be allocated to the Trail Committee to provide the local match for the DOT grant. Unanimously approved.

Committee Reports: There were none

4. Open Discussion: None

5. Next Meeting: Monday, October 19, 2015

6. Adjournment: Motion by Thom and seconded by Dollie to adjourn. Unanimously approved.

Meeting ended at 9:20

Respectfully submitted by Thom Gagné, Secretary