

Trail Development Committee Meeting  
Monday May 18, 2015

Meeting began at 7:07

Members Present: Karen Marchon, Hazen Carpenter, Don Roux, Thom Gagné, Lee Burnett, Rick Tockman, Ruth Bettinger, Marcel Blouin, and new member Dolly Hutchins

1. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting: Motion by Hazen and seconded by Ruth to accept the minutes as presented.
2. Old Business:
  - a) Maine National Guard: Lee stated that we have permission to use Dave Genest's land with a 5 year automatically renewable easement. Because there is a section that is within the 25' of the Shoreland Zoning, the project is divided into two phases. The N.G. will be here with a small contingent June 8 to do a 1,400' section from Pioneer Ave. to to just beyond the York St. extension. The second phase will require DEP permitting. Lee felt that the N.G. will be willing to come back next year to finish the second phase. The timber harvesting near Pioneer Ave. will begin May, 19.  
Marcel brought up the issue of the five year renewable easement and the expenditure of public monies and that the City Council needs to be aware of it. Lee to meet with Steve Buck in the morning (5/19).
  - b) Maps: Lee reported that we have 2,000 maps out. He inquired as to if all the sponsors had gotten their share of maps? There are a few that a few still need some. The group discussed other possible locations for distribution. Lee stated that all maps in town have stickers advertising the fund raising. Almost \$2K has been raised. We are close to launching the fundraiser via Indigogo web site.
  - c) Springvale Farm Trail July 26: Lee reported that the trail may take a different route, but will pick up another farm (beef critters). It will go through an old apple orchard and reconnect with the rail trail.

- d) Paper Streets: Lee checked with Public works to see what they are planning to do with the paper streets. Once he gets a sense of where they are, he will make a decision on how to proceed. In the meantime, he will send out copies of the paper streets for us to review. We will then take this issue up at the next meeting.
  
- e) Volunteers, Adopt-a-Trail: Lee reiterated that Dave Genest gave the Committee a 5 year easement with automatic renewal. He wants to see how the Committee maintains it. He doesn't want to lose control of his land. This led to the discussion on the need of a Volunteer Coordinator to oversee all the maintenance of all Sanford trails. Rick volunteered to take on the roll of coordination of trail adopters. Ruth championed the roll of an overall volunteer coordinator to draft volunteers, schedule maintenance with heavy equipment as needed, help plan events, reward/recognize volunteers, schedule/organize guided walks, respond to emails and trail related communications, and do publicity. Hazen made a motion, seconded by Karen to have Rick continue in the role of Trail Adopter Coordinator. Unanimously approved. Ruth to send out a trail adopter check list for revision by the group.  
An over site to the map was noted. There is no contact number listed. As we promo the map, Marcel volunteered his office to be the phone contact.

### 3. New Business: (items added to the agenda during the meeting)

- a) Trail Head GateSecurity Update: Marcel reported that he had to put a stop to the gate security improvement that had been approved at the previous meeting. What was being done would prevent Emergency Services from cutting the bolts to gain access. Marcel and Hazen discussed the use of a combination of chain and lock for securing the gates.
- b) The Committee talked about the progress of reacquiring some of the RR milage markers and where they would go. More discussion will be need as we acquire them.

### 4. Committee Reports:

- Maintenance - see item 2e) above

5. Open Discussion:

- a) Dolly described how she is involved in “Geo Cashing”. She described how that program dovetails with the trail system.
- b) Reallocation of Forestry Monies: Lee proposed that the Committee go back to the City Council and ask to reallocate our “forestry” money since some of the original projects listed are no longer viable. He proposed that we use some of that money to buy gravel to improve a portion of the rail bed from Hanson Ridge Rd. west for 100 yards to improve the wet area there. Hazen has repaired and returned the trail back to its original condition after his logging operation. He would like to improve the situation there and help eliminate that perennial wet area along the trail by putting in a culvert that Public Works will donate. This will improve the drainage along that stretch of trail. Motion by Dolly and seconded by Karen to spend up to \$2K of forestry money to improve the drainage along that section of trail west of Hanson Ridge Rd. to ITS89.  
Unanimously approved.
- c) New Way of Raising Funds: Lee proposed that we do a timber inventory of the 60 acres for the new High School. Then in the Fall or Winter, we can put this out for bid. We should do this before we transfer the property to the developer. He has been in contact with Steve Buck and Steve has assured Lee that we can do this.

6. Next Meeting: Monday June 15

7. Adjournment: Motion by Don and seconded by Karen to adjourn.  
Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10

Respectfully submitted by Thom Gagné, Secretary