

## Trail Committee Minutes

January 12, 2015

Members Present: Hazen Carpenter, chairman; Lee Burnett, Don Roux, Dave Parent, Karen Marshon, and Al Pollard

Meeting Began: 7:05 PM

1. Approval of November 17 meeting minutes: Unanimous approval
2. Old Business:
  - a. Mapping: Lee has been in contact with Steve Engel. All details are in and we are waiting for a “mock up” to review. No definite date yet available.
    - i. Cost discussion: Do we charge for the maps. Anticipated costs are \$8,000 to \$10,000. If we make 1000 maps, each would cost \$8 to \$10. Costs could be reduced by fund raising and sponsors.
    - ii. How much to charge for the maps: Do we distribute them to local businesses, non profits, etc. Don says the snow mobile club sells the maps for \$3 and gives the selling business \$2.
    - iii. Plan: We will continue to discuss.
  - b. High School Connector: Work in progress. Lee has contacted all landowners but only 4 of 9 responded. This is to be a walking and bike path from Emery St to the new high school. Much work still needs to be done to get land owner permission, city and state permits, wet land determination, etc. Cost estimates need refinement by the town engineer and Wright-Pierce(?)
    - i. Lee is continuing to work on this and will contact necessary people
    - ii. National Guard may be available to help but they need to know soon
  - c. National Guard Work: They want a high profile project and thus are only interested in the high school connector project. They apparently are committed in 2016 (which would have been better for us as we could have all the permits and plans in order and apply for grants).
    - i. Possible work for this year: we could do a part of the connector that would only require “permit by rule” and could be expedited
    - ii. Lee will continue to pursue with Adam Cote of National Guard and others as noted above.
  - d. Farm Trail Walk on Farm Day in July: A great success last year and farms are interested.
    - i. Three Rivers Land Trust will partner with us
    - ii. Trail across Hazen’s land: Lee has made a video of the planned trail and will use it as a “crowd source” fund raising vehicle. Possible look for \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 contributions. Will discuss further but probably launch in spring when

people are thinking of hiking. Of note that this trail will cross some wet areas will need work.

- iii. Continuation of trail to power lines: Will need land owner permission for long term, grants to help make the trail and money. A rough estimate is \$40,000+/-..

### 3. New Business

- a. Industrial Park Trail. Discussion in progress
- b. Sewer District Trail: More work needs to be done to accommodate the concerns of the Sewer District
  - i. Discussed how all these trails could meld together to make Sanford an outdoor adventure hub. Eventually we may connect with the Eastern Trail.
  - ii. Growth Council apparently also interested in these concepts and is supportive
- c. Vote for chairman and vice chairman: A secret ballot was performed. Results were:
  - i. Chairman: Lee 5 votes and Dave 1 vote. Winner: Lee Burnett
  - ii. Vice Chairman: Dave 5 votes and Lee 1 vote. Winner: Dave Parent
- d. Vote of Gratitude for Hazen Carpenter whose never ceasing years of hard work, vision, and guidance have made this trail system possible. All agreed that Hazen has done a marvelous job. Thumbs up and three cheers for Hazen. Hazen will continue to use his considerable talents for the benefit of our community and our trail system. (We will even let him miss a meeting and go to Florida)

### 4. Open Discussion:

- a. Padlocks: We have 11 gates and 7 have missing padlocks. Hazen discussed possible means to make tamper proof padlock systems. Vandalism has been a continuing problem.
- b. ATV use on non motorized trails. A continuing and destructive problem. Don discussed how snow mobile users had the same problem years ago but, with the advent of clubs and mentoring they have become more responsible. Maybe there is hope.
- c. It is noted that Thom Gagne is in Hong Kong studying their trail systems among other things. A full report with pictures is expected.

- 5. Adjournment: We'd all had enough so decided to adjourn by unanimous decision.

Submitted by: Al Pollard, temporary note taker