

Special Trail DEvelopment Committee Meeting
Monday August 31, 2015

Members Present: Hazen Carpenter, Don Roux, Thom Gagné, Al Pollard, Dave Parent, Dollie Hutchins, Lee Burnett

Meeting began at 7:10

1. Approval of minutes from the July 20, 2015 meeting. Motion by Hazen and seconded by Don to accept the minutes with the following correction: On #4, change the phrase "no longer" to the word "not". Motion with correction was unanimously approved.
2. Old Business:
 - a) Recap of Springvale Farm Walk held on July 26: Hazen reported that there was some problem with signage which resulted in only six people showing up at his farm. Don and Rick drove the shuttle vehicles. Dollie reported that 29 people used the trails to do "GEO caching". It rained again, but not as heavy as last year. Breakfast was a big hit! The farmers involved reported a good experience with the exception of Hazen.
 - b) Update on the proposed Springvale Farm Trail: The financial goal is to raise \$6K. To date a total of \$3.6K has been raised. We will get what has been raised less 9% processing fee. If we can match our goal of \$6K they we will only be assessed 4%. Lee implored that all members reach out to the community, friends and families to help reach our goal. It was reported by Lee that because of an inland waterfowl and wading bird area on Hazen's property, a permit from DEP will be required as part of the trail making process.
3. New Business:
 - a) Repair to the Maine National guard Work: Hazen reported that some erosion control to the NG project was done at the entrance with a berm built to divert street run off to the left of the entrance instead of washing down the road. Hazen also reported that a new gate was installed at the Pioneer Ave. trail head for about \$200. Charlie Plant donated six (+) hours of labor and the use of his heavy equipment. Hazen, Don and Charlie installed the gate. There is still a need for a post or large boulder

to the right of the gate to prevent 4Wheelers from entering. (See the attached photo)

The group decided that we should send Charlie a letter of recognition and thanks for his generous donation of time and equipment. Lee will craft the letter and send it to him.

With regards to repairing the NG project, Matt Hill was approached for help. He created an engineering plan to repair and prevent future water erosion damage. He submitted the plan that used DOT average estimates. In all likely hood, the cost will be less. It was agreed to have Steve Buck look at the problem and then send a letter and documentation to the NG showing how their work was substandard. Motion by Hazen and seconded by Dave to send the above letter and documentation to the NG. Motion was unanimously approved.

Dollie followed with a motion that was seconded by AI to invite Adam Cote to come and see the project and see what, if anything, the NG could do. This is to be done prior to sending a letter and supporting documentation to the NG complaining about their work. This motion was also unanimously approved.

The committee agreed to have Lee ask the city to allow us to invite contractors to a meeting at the NG project site to give their opinions, recommendations and a preliminary estimate of the proposed work they would do to repair the NG work.

- b) Allocation of Forestry money: After much discussion, it was decided not to ask to reallocate funds until we know what it will cost to repair the NG project. We will also need to set aside money for trail maintenance as well. It was suggested that we should apply for CIP money for trail maintenance funding.
- c) (addition to the agenda) New H.S. connectivity to trails and sidewalks: Lee brought up the concern about trail and sidewalk connectivity to the new H.S. It was suggested that he contact Steve Buck to see if our concerns can be brought before the school building committee. Motion by Thom and seconded by Hazen to authorize Lee to meet with Steve on the committee's behalf. Unanimously approved.

4. Open Discussion: Don brought up the question of who to see about getting the sidewalk tipped/cut in front of the Sherwin Williams paint store for a safer access to the rail trail connector? He stated that this is a safety issue for snowmobiles crossing Main St. No action was taken at this time.

Committee Reports: There were none at this time.

5. Next Meeting: Monday September 21, 2015

6. Adjournment: Motion by AI and seconded by Hazen to adjourn. Unanimously approved.

Meeting ended at 9:00

Respectfully submitted by Thom Gagné, Secretary