

Trail Development Committee Meeting
Monday April 27, 2015

Members Present: Lee Burnett, Al Alexander, Hazen Carpenter, Don Roux, Al Pollard, Thom Gagné, Ruth Bettinger

Meeting began at 7:05

1. Approval of minutes from the March 16, 2015 meeting. Motion by Hazen and seconded by Al Pollard to accept the minutes as presented. Unanimously approved.
2. Old Business:
 - a) Maine National Guard/H.S. trail project: Lee reported that the N.G. project is still on. The State DEP Shoreland Zoning coordinator came to look at the project. He stated that we were not creating a new road, that it is an existing road and that the impact has already been created. He did provide some suggestions on where we might need to narrow the trail from 10' to 8'. The Public Works Dept. will move their property and material. United Day of Caring volunteers will take down the fence. The Guard may be able to do some work within the Public Works property and then we can move the fence to put the trail outside of it.

The Pioneer Ave. section will require the cutting of 50 trees and saplings. The Maple Hill School has volunteered to cut the trees. Dave Genest approved the plan. Because of the slope involved we will need to have a 40' wide base to get the 10' wide trail. There will need to be a switch back.

Lee brought up the point that we will need to promote the trail and improve the image of it. In the beginning some patrolling of the area may help improve the image. Lee will meet with Matt and Mike on 4/28 to get some details worked out.

- b) Maps: Hazen commented that the maps look great and that the subcommittee did a wonderful job. Al Pollard added his two cents of approval as well. We will give each sponsor the number of maps needed. The Growth Council will be distributing the extra 1,000 maps

they bought to the beach communities to entice visitors to come to Sanford.

We paid \$7,700 for map development and the printing of 5K maps. We raised \$4,500 towards that amount. As a result, it only cost the committee \$3,200. We had originally approval from the City Council to spend up to \$10K. We came in well under the original projection.

As for the distribution of the maps, Lee suggested that we wait until the City Council approves our Crowd Funding proposal for the Springvale Farm Trail that is to go the rail trail near Hazen to the Blanchard Rd.

Ruth reminded the committee that a “Thank You” letter from the committee to our sponsors should be given to them in addition to the maps. Lee to draft a letter and send them out to the sponsors.

- c) ATV Club: Ed Coleman couldn't make the meeting.
- d) Springvale Farm Trail Walk July 26: Lee suggested that a new way to raise money that hasn't been done. There would be three levels of giving; \$10, \$25, \$100. A \$10 donation gets an invite to the trail opening. \$25 gets _____ (to be determined). A \$100 donation gets you a flat map suitable for wall mounting. The funding will be via the Indi Go Go website and the campaign would last two months. Lee will approach the the Property Sub-Committee on 4/28 to explain the funding approach. Our goal is to raise \$7K and use it to apply for matching grants.

The walk will be happening July 26. The farmers are commissioning t-shirts for the event.

3. New Business:

- a) River St. Sidewalk: Dave Parent spoke to Matt Hill, the PW Director, about the River St. project. He is interested in improving drainage along that section of River St. He is interested in a 10' wide sidewalk in front of the River St. houses. It would wrap around from WOE Drive along River ST. to the High School Blvd. Not sure of the State funding for the project this year. He will continue to pursue this.

- b) Eastern Trail Connection: Lee showed a map displaying a potential connection to the Eastern Trail. There is currently a snowmobile trail that goes in the desired direction. Some of it is on old county roads, nature conservancy property etc. This is a long range plan. Al Pollard and Lee informed the committee that there is a annual meeting of the Eastern Trail board of directors May 14.

- c) Abandon Roads and Paper Streets: Lee presented the group some maps that showed paper streets in the city and a county road. We need to see which of these we might utilize. The State has decreed that by 2017, municipalities need to make some determination to either keep them or give/sell the land to abutters. Lee suggested that we have a workshop or separate meeting to review the paper streets and possible linkage to our trail system.

4. Committee Reports:

- Construction: Hazen reported that Dave's Welding Co. can add bolt cutter proof adaptions at the cost of \$80 per gate. To do all the gates it would cost \$880. Al Pollard made a motion to approve payment of up to \$1K for the lock security measure, pending notification of the Parks Dept. and City Hall. Seconded by Ruth and unanimously approved.
- Hazen announced a work party for trail work including moving the dedication sign for MWS from its current location on the interior of the trail to the Emery Street entrance to help prevent possible future vandalism. There will also be trail maintenance work the MW and Haven Cove.

- 5. Open Discussion: Volunteer Coordinator Position for Trail maintenance Ruth handed out copies of Marcel's original coordinator's description. It was suggested that trail maintenance could be part of the coordinator's position. Perhaps we could use some of the trail maintenance funds to pay a stipend for the services described. This item was tabled until the May meeting.

Ruth also handed in her resignation from the committee due to her relocating to the Portland area. Motion by Hazen and seconded by Al Pollard to accept her resignation with regrets and appreciation for her dedication, tireless work and generosity to the trail committee. Unanimously accepted.

6. Next Meeting: Monday May 18

7. Adjournment: Motion by Al Alexander and seconded by Hazen to adjourn.. Unanimously approved.

Meeting ended at 9:15

Respectfully submitted by Thom Gagné, Secretary