

Sanford Trail Development Committee Meeting
Monday January 25, 2016

Meeting began at 7:03

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

1. Approval of minutes from the Nov. 16, 2015 meeting: Dave made a motion to approve the minutes as presented by Al Pollard. The motion was seconded by Don and unanimously approved.

2. Old Business:
 - a) Elections (this item was added to the agenda at this meeting): There was a discussion of positions for the annual election of committee officers. It was suggested that we could create a finance committee or something similar to keep track of disbursements from our account. Marcel suggested that we postpone elections due to a lack of advance notice. Any member interested in a position should notify Marcel prior to the next meeting. Positions that need filling are Chairman, Secretary and various standing committee chairs. Motion by Dollie and seconded by Don to postpone elections until the next meeting. Unanimously approved.
 - b) Trail Adopter: Lee presented information from Rick's meeting. Only two people attended. Rick would like to do some kind of recognition for this year's adopters at a future date. Rick is still looking for more names.
 - c) Grant Submissions: Lee reported that a grant application for the Springvale Farm Trail had been submitted. This includes one bridge, and one culvert. Lee also reported that they have gotten permission from Hurd and White as well as Hazen Carpenter to have a snowmobile trail and a non-motorized trail during the Spring, Summer and Fall to connect to the power line trail.
With regards to the High School Trail Phase 1/Mousam River Bike Path, Lee reported that Public Works will build a sidewalk along a portion of School St. where the trail/path will exit and a crossing over to Breton Ave. The grant has also been submitted for this project.
However, solar light poles to light the way for the students in the winter were not included in this application.

d) 2016 Budget Process and Trails: Lee is looking for a committee member to attend Finance Committee meetings when the trail budget item from Parks and Rec. come up. There are two CIP applications that will be presented. One is for about \$10K to address some needed maintenance issues. The other is for \$25K for Phase 2 of the High School trail. This would be to cover engineering and permitting fees.

3. New Business:

a) Recognition Dinner? Lee presented a list of volunteer contributions by various individual that supported or directly helped our trail projects. Lee felt it was an impressive list of contributions. He suggested some kind of “pot luck” dinner where the volunteers are invited along with some VIPs and other guests such as the Mousam Way Land Trust, Life Works, Bicycle Coalition, Kiwanis etc. The committee discussed the possibility and benefits of organizing such an event. It was decided to create a subcommittee to make this a reality. Al Pollard volunteered to chair this subcommittee. The other members are Don Roux, Thom Gagné, Marcel Blouin and Lee Burnett. A tentative date of Monday April,11 was established.

Hazen asked Lee to recognize Lionel Sevigny for all the Hansons Ridge trail head parking area improvements. Lee offered to write and send Lionel a letter of thanks. Motion by Al and seconded by Don that Lee send Lionel a letter of thanks. Unanimously approved.

b) Slide Show: Lee presented a slide show of the Mousam Way to the Eastern Trail. The slides reinforced many of the activities that are already happening in Sanford. Lee felt that we could promote many of these activities and it could help draw more people and potential dollars especially if we could connect with the ET. Lee believes that our trail system would be more interesting and draw more people and thus economic benefits associated with more visitors.

4. Committee Reports: None at this time

5. Open discussion: None at this time

6. Next meeting: Due to Presidents Day, the next meeting is Mon. Feb. 22

7. Adjournment: Motion by Lee and seconded by Don to adjourn.

Unanimously approved.

Meeting ended at 9:05

Respectfully submitted by Thom Gagné, Secretary