

Trail Development Committee Meeting
Monday Feb. 23, 2015

Meeting began at 7:00

Members Present: Lee Burnett, Rick Tockman, Hazen Carpenter, Marcel Blouin, Thom Gagné, Dave Parent, Ruth Bettinger

1. Approval of the minutes from the Jan.12 and Feb. 11 Special Meeting.
Motion by Hazen and seconded by Dave to accept the Jan. 12 minutes as presented. Unanimously approved.
Motion by Dave and seconded by Hazen to accept the Feb. 11 Special Meeting minutes as presented. Unanimously approved.
2. Old Business:
 - a) National Guard and H.S. Project: Lee reviewed the budget process that was done at the Feb. 10th meeting. He explained that the section it was developed for was from Pioneer Ave. to the Public Works property along the existing sewer easement. Lee informed the group that Dave Genest approved of the concept of using the Pioneer Ave. trail head/entrance. Hazen suggested that Lee ask the engineering firm to look at the trail section from the P.W. fence to school street to see if it can be kept 75' from the wetlands for the same amount of engineering fee that is currently proposed for the work to be done along this section of trail. Motion by Rick and seconded by Ruth to approve the amount of \$20,027 for the new trail from Pioneer Ave. to School St. Unanimously approved.
 - b) New Map: Lee showed the group two new trail maps that have been printed. The group pointed out discrepancies that need to be corrected and suggestions and for additional pictures to be included. These would depict Winter sport use of the trail or year round use. The group selected a space for the listing of paid sponsors on the back of the map so that the sponsors names would be visible when the map is folded. Once the map has been corrected we can go and solicit businesses for sponsorship and then have the maps printed. It was suggested that we solicit the Growth Council for half of the cost of printing i.e. \$2,500. An additional \$1,000 will come from the Walmart Grant with the remaining \$1,500 to be raised with ten sponsors at \$150.00 each.
A subcommittee of Lee, Ruth and Al Pollard was formed to finalize the

maps, get a copy and report back at the next meeting of the Trail Committee. The goal is to get the maps distributed/out for the tourist season.

3: New Business:

- a) Transportation Update to the Comprehensive Plan: Lee reported that the Planning board is updating the Comprehensive Plan with regards to all modes of transportation. Our presence could enhance our visibility and have our trail system incorporated into the new plan. Hazen and Lee agreed to attend the March 18th Planning board meeting.
 - b) Railroad Bed Maintenance Utilizing ATV Clubs: Lee explained that if we were to assign maintenance responsibilities to an ATV Club(s) then the Club(s) could reach their goal of 7 miles of trails that would allow them to get grants. This item was tabled until the next meeting and that we should invite Ed Coleman to attend and get answers about: 1. required mileage, 2. their responsibilities, 3. our responsibilities, and other questions that might arise from such a discourse.
 - c) Announcement: Mousam Way Land Trust Grant (new addition to the agenda): Lee informed the group that the Mousam Way Land Trust had been awarded a \$23K grant and the Land Trust share of \$7K will go to rebuilding and improving the Vigue Rd. from Deering Neighborhood Rd. to the Rail bed.
4. Committee Reports: There were no reports at this time. It was noted that some of the individuals listed as chairs of some of the committees are no longer involved due to other commitments and new chairs should be appointed.
 5. Open Discussion: Hazen asked permission of the group to use a section of the MW Rail Trail from Deering Ridge Rd. heading to Lebanon to allow Whites Logging to take out logs from Hazen's property as this is the only viable way to do so. Hazen and Marcel will take care of the details based on the previously established policy dealing with such matters.
 6. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Monday March 16, 2015
 7. Adjournment: Motion by Ruth and seconded by Dave to adjourn. Unanimously approved.

Meeting ended at 9:10

Respectfully submitted by Thom Gagné Secretary

