

Trail Development Committee Meeting
Monday, June 15, 2015

Meeting began at 7:05

Members Present: Dolly Hutchins, Marcel Blouin, Rick Tockman, Al Pollard, Lee Burnett, Dave Parent, Thom Gagné, Hazen Carpenter

1. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting: Motion by Hazen and seconded by Al to accept the minutes as presented. Unanimously approved.

2. Old Business:

a) Volunteer Job Description/Maintenance Needs: A copy of a proposed Trail Adopter Agreement to replace the former form was submitted by Marcel and Rick. Dolly suggested that the volunteer hours be included. It was agreed that the Volunteer Coordinator should request how many volunteers and hours and keep a record of them. A form for that purpose was submitted. There was a motion by Al Pollard and seconded by Hazen to approve the agreement with the suggested modification. Unanimously approved. Rick will submit an article to the local paper.

Lee presented a list of our trails and it was suggested that the committee review the maintenance needs for each of them. The trails were divided up amongst the members to be inspected and a report submitted at the next meeting.

Marcel believes that we may need between \$12-\$15K for maintenance. This would help us develop a budget for annual maintenance.

b) Paper Streets: Lee suggested that we postpone discussion of paper streets until the next meeting. All were in agreement and this item is postponed until the July 20 meeting.

c) Springvale Farm Walk: Lee reported that an Eagle Scout is doing a project for the signage. The other item that needs addressing is the shuttle service. Lee suggested that we use two vans instead of relying on a tractor and wagon. There was discussion of using the Y bus. Marcel will check to see if there is a cost involved.

d) RR Bed Drainage: Hazen reported that the cost for improving the drainage along the section of the rail trail where the logging had recently

been done cost less than the approved \$2K allotted. The total cost was \$1332.00. \$576.00 was the cost of 96 yds. of gravel and \$756.00 for the trucking of the gravel. A culvert installed by Hazen has helped to significantly improve the drainage.

3. New Business:

- a) New Sanford Trails Facebook page: Ayn Hanselmann has volunteered to do a Sanford Trails Facebook page. Since its inception, there have been 440 “likes”. Lee will invite her to attend the next meeting. We can use this Social Media portal for publicity in the future.
- b) Slow Speed Signage at Deering Lumber: There was a request from Deering Lumber to have some “slow speed” signs on the trail near the back entrance to the lumber yard. Technically this is not a recognized/official entrance but rather a convenience/Summer entrance for the yard. Marcel suggested that Deering put up stop signs at each entrance. Hazen suggested that because of the good relations we have with them we should put up some “slow” and “truck crossing” signs. Hazen to source the signs and instal them with help.
- c) Re-allocating Forestry Money: A suggestion was made that we use the \$23K allotted for the River St. Bike path extension and apply it to a sidewalk project along River St. from the H.S. Blvd. along the front of the five properties and wrap around to WOE Dr. to the crosswalk. A new grant would need to be submitted soon. After much discussion a motion was made by Dave and seconded by Dollie to take \$5K of forestry money already allocated to the River St. Extension project and reallocate it to the Hanson Ridge apron project. Vote was 6 to 1 in favor of the motion.

Committee Reports: There were none at this time

4. Open Discussion: Lee reported that Ed Coleman of the ATV Club requested that we put up a “Dead End” or “No Exit” sign at the trailhead to the Hanson Ridge Rail Trail that leads to Lebanon since there is no connector trail at this time. The Committee agreed to give him permission to put up a sign as long as it is compatible to ours and to be mounted on an existing post.

5. Next Meeting: Monday July 20th

6. Adjournment: Motion by Al and seconded by Thom to adjourn.
Unanimously approved.

Meeting ended at 9:10 Respectfully submitted by Thom Gagné, Secretary