

Trail Development Committee Meeting
Monday, March 187, 2019

Master Planning Meeting

Meeting began at 6:03

Members Present: Lee Burnett, Melissa Beacher, Dollie Hutchins, Julie Isbill, Hazen Carpenter, Kevin McKeon, Thom Gagné, Al Pollard

Guest: Jack McAdam, Planning Board liaison

1. Reports of Presentations: Lee reported on the presentation that he and Don made to the snowmobile club. Lee informed the group that the snowmobile club would be willing to “drag” the Rail Trail periodically if the Trail Committee would contribute \$1K towards a drag. Hazen stated that the drag would need to be a type that would crown the trail. It was decided that we need more information. Al reported on his presentation to Primary Care Physicians. He reported that it was well received. Some suggestions were made to pair their health care/fitness and/or rehab recommendations utilizing our plan.
2. Update on Layout and Printing Schedule for the Master Plan: The committee discussed the nuances of the Farm Trail and the Farm Walk Event. For the purpose of the map we should not have the Farm Walk path and other private trails noted on trail map that will be disseminated. However, private trails, proposed trails and connectors would be shown on the Master Plan Map in the Planning Office. We then went through a list of proposed trails that are referenced in the Master Plan and then listed the groups/individuals that need to be approached.
3. Hazen brought up a proposal to have someone in a part time stipend position to assist the Trail Committee. More discussion is needed in the future.

Meeting ended at 7:03

Regular Meeting

Meeting began at 7:05

Members Present: Lee Burnett, Melissa Beacher, Dollie Hutchins, Julie Isbill, Hazen Carpenter, Kevin McKeon, Thom Gagné, Al Pollard, Rick Tockman

1. Approval of the Feb. 25 minutes: Motion by Dollie and seconded by Al to approve the minutes as presented. Unanimously approved.

Volunteer hours were collected

2. Old Business:

- a) Rail Road Bed Sign Update: Hazen gave a report on who was there and what was accomplished. The main focus was placement of the Trail Users Priority sign. It was decided to place them at the exits on the existing sign posts. Additional posts will be needed. An installation ‘party’ will be called when the ground thaws and the weather complies.
- b) June 1, 2019 Downtown Connector: The bicycle group Cycle Sanford has been designated an official city committee. Lee will be their representative to the Trail Committee. Lee handed out a flyer for the June 1st National Trails Day Open Streets Sanford. The group discussed how it could be involved.
- c) Springvale Farm Walk: Rick reported that we got a \$1K grant from Walmart. This year they would like to have some PR. The check to arrive in April or May. Melissa is in charge of the Walk. We discussed job descriptions for the project. Hazen reported that Rick Levesque grubbed out a section of the Farm Trail located on Hazen’s property. He spent four to five hours on it.
- d) Committees: Rick reported that one of his volunteers, Dick Bond, would like some help cleaning culverts on the Rail Trail from Oak St. to Deering Pond. He has been doing this on his own but is requesting help. Rick listed two other individuals who do some work but more are needed. Rick also mentioned that some individuals told him that they pick up trash when they are on the trails. Rick stated that we still need more help.
Rick handed out an updated Trail Adoption Agreement.
Dollie mentioned how the Geo Cashing Group do a “Cash in, Trash out”

event. Dolly volunteered to check into this for possible action. If we can have such an event it was decided that it should be on either the Mousam Way South or Indians Last Leap.

Other Committees: Melissa offered to promo events with social media, emails etc.

3. New Business:

- a) Maine Army National Guard projects for 2020: Lee reported that we have a good chance of getting them to help out again. Lee submitted an application for work along the Rail Bed to the Lebanon line, Deering Pond drainage problem, Carpenters Crossing and some Mousam Way projects.

4. Other: Standing Committees realigned: The following is a list of the realigned committees:

Outreach - Melissa Beacher

Maintenance and Construction - Hazen Carpenter

Signage - Hazen Carpenter

Volunteer Coordinator - Rick Tockman

Long Range Planning - Al Pollard

5. Next Meeting: Monday April 15

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

Meeting ended at 8:15

Respectfully submitted by Thom Gagné, Secretary