

Trail Development Committee Meeting
Monday September 15, 2019

Meeting began at 6:00

Members Present: Lee Burnette, Julie Isbill, Al Pollard, Thom Gagné, Kevin McKeon, Rick tockman, Hazen Carpenter, Alan Grady, Dollie Hutchins, Lawrence Furbish, Don Roux

Guests: Caleb Jones a Life Scout presenting his Eagle Project, Jack McAdam as Planning Board Liaison, Jeff VanJoolen from the ATV club

1. Approval of minutes for the August 19th meeting. Motion by Kevin and seconded by Dollie to approve the minutes as presented.
Unanimously approved.
2. Accounting of Volunteer hours. A tally sheet was sent around and hours were recorded.
3. Master Trail Plan:
 - a) Lee showed the committee the final version the map. It incorporated the changes that had been suggested at the previous meeting.
 - b) Lee summarized he and Julie's presentation to the School Committee. The meeting went well and the plan was generally well received. There was some concern about the H S gate. Need to continue to work on this. The committee then discussed ways to get statistics on its usage. Caleb mentioned that the XC club uses it for practice.
 - c) Julie informed the group that the Master Plan is being formatted for online and hard copy printing. The goal is for 50 copies. The copy we have is a working copy for us. This version will be submitted to the Planning Board for eventual adoption as part of the Comprehensive Plan. It is expected that there will be changes to our Master Plan.
 - d) Julie proposed that we should also check out other community trail systems and take a field trip there. She suggested that we check out the Portland Trail system. The group decided to go to Portland on Thursday Oct. 3 during the morning. Their director would be available to discuss their system with us. Lee to look into getting a City van so

we can go as a group.

- e) Lee also reported that this was Julies last meeting with us. Sincere thanks were expressed by all the members present. Her guidance will be missed but, we thanked her for all that she has done for us.
4. Treasures Report: Alan reported that we have \$15,000 available in CIP money available.
5. Presentations:
- a) Sanford Solar: This was postponed until next month.
 - b) Sanford Maine ATV Club: Jeff VanJooen reported on the club's Land Owner Appreciation Day Clean Up. The club believes that it may win the competition this year for the amount of trash removed. He went on to report that they have access to "tow behind" grader. They need a tractor to pull it and what various areas of the RR Trail need. Hazen informed the group that the section by Deering Pond to the ridge is boney and will need some material. Jeff mentioned that the PW would let an employee do the grading if we payed them time and a half. Hazen suggested that if we are going to pay someone, we should get a price from STS since they have done so much work for us in the past at very reasonable prices. No action was taken at this time.
Jeff also mentioned that a retired architect talked to him about converting an old woolen mill into a trail hotel.
Jeff also stated that the Brunno property has been sold but, no one has been contacted yet.
 - c) Eagle Scout Project: Caleb presented his proposed project to instal a stone bench and other improvements at the Breton Ave. trail head. He was asked to come back to the Oct. meeting with a detailed plan of the bench and other improvements to the site that he plans to do.
6. Committee Reports:
- a) Communication/Outreach: No report from Melissa at this time
 - b) Construction/Maintenance: Hazen reported that we do the gates at Shaw's Ridge and knock boxes.
Lee mentioned that he contacted Eric Groves about spraying and Eric told him he could spray it for \$400. He suggested that we spray it this year and grade it regularly. Motion by Hazen and seconded by Lawrence to hire Eric to spray 1,300 feet along the PW fence for a cost of not to exceed \$400.00. This is to be done this Fall.

Unanimously approved.

- c) Volunteers: Rick gave a report.
- d) Signage: A meeting will be scheduled by Haze. Hazen presented pictures of the various signs currently in use on our trail system. He suggested that the first priority is to put up new maps.
- e) Landowner Relations: Nothing new to report at this time.
- f) Knox Padlocks: Alan reported that a Knox padlocks are \$122.00 each. Motion by Hazen and seconded by Al Pollard to purchase seven (7) Knox Padlocks at \$122.009 each for a total of \$854.00. Unanimously approved.

7. Old Business:

- a) RTP Grant Application: Lee reported that at his presentation to the Property Management Subcommittee, they were supportive but wanted to see how other groups have addressed similar problems. We discussed how to mitigate the Indian Ledge trail section issues. Lee suggested that we take up this problem at the beginning of the following meeting until we come up with a viable plan.
- b) Construction Grant: This grant is not official. The new Middle School Connector Trail is being budgeted at \$20,000.
- c) Signage Grant: Lee mentioned that the grantors focus on signage and safety, such as confidence markers. Discussed that we use the 4x4 posts as milage markers and get granite posts installed first.

8. New Business:

- a) Rail Trail Erosion: Lee showed a photo of erosion caused by a bootleg trail going up vertically up to the rail bed in the section between Maine St. and Oak St. Trees were also cut on city property to make this bootleg trail. We need to address this issue. We need to develop a policy. Lee will draft a letter and circulate if via email.
- b) Trail blockage on Gowen Park trail directly off of Gowen Park Drive. Thom and Lee to work on clearing it.

9. Other Business: There was none at this time.

10. Next meeting is Monday October 21, 2019

11. Adjournment: Motion by Al Pollard and seconded by Kevin to adjourn. Unanimously approved

Meeting ended at 8:10

Respectfully submitted by Thom Gagné, Secretary

