

Trail Development Committee Meeting
Monday October 15, 2018

Master Planning Meeting

Meeting began at 6:05

Members Present: Dollie Hutchins, Alan Grady, Lawrence Furbish, Melissa Beecher, Hazen Carpenter, Julie Isbil, Al Pollard, Thom Gagné and Lee Burnett.

Guests: Jack McAdams, Planning Board Liaison

The group began by reading the "Priorities Beyond Year One" v1. Discussion of Medium Tern Priorities - within five years ensued. Decided to add to the 5th bullet the option of a trail behind the Simpson property on Jagger Mill Rd. and cross the river at the old bridge abutments. Julie pointed out that we need some really good maps to illustrate our projects.

Kiwanis Mousam Way: It was agreed upon to add new signage for this to the Year One Plan v1.

Also decided to move the last bullet to the Downtown Connector.

Springvale Farm Walk: Dollie suggested that we add hiking and horses to the permitted uses.

Rail Trail: Add to the 4th bullet, "or other options". The 5th bullet dealing with the Bruno property should be moved to Year One.

Downtown Connector/Mousam River Bike Trail: Add Emery St. to the 2nd bullet and put in Riverside Drive while eliminating River St. Add River St. to the longer range plan (more than five years).

ATV: Move the CGA property to long term. The group decided to incorporate the ATV Clubs 5 year plan into this document.

Mousam River Water Trail: Julie to develop wording.

Meeting ended at 7:15

Regular Meeting

Meeting began at 7:15

Members Present: Same as the Planning Meeting

Guests: Nick Taylor - ATV liaison

1. Approval of the the July 16 and Sept. 17 minutes. TBD at the Nov. 19 meeting.
2. Old Business:
 - a) Volunteer hours since the last meeting: 93 hours of volunteer service.
 - b) Treasurers Report: Alan submitted a report detailing the Trail Committees expenses. The report was received.
 - c) Update on the River St. connector and Breton Ave. side walk: As of this meeting, the Breton Ave. side walk is nearly complete. Waiting for Handicap Plates.
 - d) ATV Update: Nick reported that their club took 3rd place in the State competition for Landowner Appreciation Day Clean Up. The ATV club had a meeting with Steve Buck and Lukas Lannigan and updated them about their accomplishments. It was a very positive meeting. This meeting took place to counter a vocal minority and comments by the mayor. The club had over 200+ volunteer hours for the month of October. Nick stated that the club has the multi use hierarchy safety signs. They are working on where to post them. Nick said that the club will give them to Lee or Alan and the sign subcommittee will put them up.
 - e) Bollard/gate for Shaws Ridge RR bed and MRBT: Hazen reported that we have a gate and posts. The cost for installation is around \$200. Motion but Lawrence and seconded by Al to approve up to \$200 to instal the gate at Shaws Ridge. Lee to ask Public Works to add boulders to the Normand Ave. entrance. We need to put up a snow fence at the end of Boothby Ave. until the soil and water retrofit there is completed.
 - f) Kick Off Event for the Downtown Connector: Lee feels that we probably need to postpone this until the spring and the group agreed. The group decided to take the donated plants to Breton Ave. and plant them there. Lee will call for a work group to do this. It was decided to have the "Kick Off" on National Trails Day, June 1.

g) Committee Restructuring: Tabled until next meeting.

3. New Business:

- a) Boothby Ave. Soil and Water Retrofit: Alan is working on it.
- b) Wetland Mitigation on trail between the new High School and Rt. 4:
Lee reported that the sewer district will unplug a culvert to help mitigate the problem but, the problem is bigger than that. H.S. runoff is most likely contributing to it.
- c) Tree Planting at Veterans Cemetery: Lee reported that a Forester will be checking out the area that we want to plant new seedlings.

4. Other: No other items at this time.

5. Committee Reports: None at this time.

6. Open discussion: None at this time.

7. Next Meeting: Monday November 19, 2018

8. Adjournment: Motion by AI and seconded by Lawrence to adjourn.
Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25

Respectfully submitted by Thom Gagne', Secretary