

Trail Development Committee Meeting
Monday November 19, 2018

Meeting began at 6:00

Members Present: Melisa Beecher, Julie Isbill, Lawrence Furbish, Thom Gagné, Hazen Carpenter, Kevin McKeon, Al Polard, Don Roux, Dollie Hutchins, Lee Burnett

Guests: Jack McAdams - Planning Board Liaison

Master Planning Meeting

1. Julie initiated the discussion on how to best disseminate the Master Plan to the stakeholders and other groups. The following is a list of who will present to which group: Lawrence and Thom to present to the Historical Society; Lawrence to the Rotary; Hazen to Kiwanis, Thom and Hazen to the YMCA Board; Don to the snowmobile and ATV clubs; Hazen and Kevin to Lands Trusts; Al and Hazen to Growth Council; Hazen and Lee to Chamber of Commerce; Lee and Al to School Committee; Julie and Lee to the City Council; Melissa and Lee to First Responders and Police.
2. The group discussed the development of a comprehensive trail map and how to designate trails and their purpose. In the City Hall departments we need a map in a large enough scale to show adequate detail and a smaller size for the Master Plan document.
3. For the presenters of this document to the stakeholders, we will need an executive summary.
4. Priorities Beyond Year One: The committee went through the long term - Within Twenty Year section.
We talked about adding a section to the Plan that will link the end of the MRPBT to Rt. 4 and then continue along the utility corridor to the Star Landing Land Trust and the construction of a bridge across the Mousam River utilizing the existing bridge abutment to connect to Gavel Rd.

Meeting ended at 7:12

Regular Meeting

Meeting began at 7:15

Members Present: Same members who attended the Master Plan meeting

1. Approval of minutes of the October 15, 2018 meeting. Motion by Hazen and seconded by AI to approve the minutes as presented. Unanimously approved.
2. Old Business:
 - a) Volunteer Hours: 33 hours of volunteer service from the members was recorded since the October meeting.
 - b) Treasurers Report: Alan Grady provided a sheet with an update of the Trails finances. This will be reviewed in detail at the next meeting.
 - c) Kick Off Event for the Downtown connector: This was postponed to the National Trails Day at the previous meeting. Lee proposed that we perhaps have it during Memorial Day weekend. He thought we should invite the Police Bicycle Patrol, antique bikes, ebikes, mountain bikers etc. The committee discussed this and decide to keep it on National Trails Day but with the idea of incorporating the aforementioned groups.
 - d) Timber Frame Kiosk Location Change?: Lee was informed that the Kiosk can't be located on the sewer line because of the need for equipment access. The School Dept. was not receptive to setting it up at the trail head on school property. Also there is a locked gate across the trail that is discouraging pedestrian traffic. Lee handed out a map to show a possible alternative site on the WOE Drive trail head to the section we recently completed from WOE Drive to the High School Blvd. To get a better perspective of the situation the committee decided to have a field trip to possible site as well as the the site at the new H.S. It was discussed that we should approach the School Committee at its next meeting to discuss access to the trail to the H.S. that was built by the Trail Committee.
 - e) Tree Planting at the Veterans Cemetery: Lee reported that the City Council is suggesting that the problem on the MWRT near the cemetery be addressed. We discussed planting seedlings. Lee passed out a seedlings information sheet. We also discussed improving the trail head at the Riverside Cemetery and/or the new section of the Veterans Cemetery expansion. We also discussed

cleaning up the debris and slash that was left as a result of the tree cutting that is impeding use of that section of trail.

- f) Boothby Ave. Storm Water Retrofit: There was no news to report on this.

3. New Business:

- a) Report of Collaboration with the H.S.: Kevin and Lee met with Kathy Sargent, the director of the Tech. Center, Joe Dorin, Adult Ed. director Kristen Fitzpatrick, a Community Arts Person, and Sarah Shell of WSSR TV. The purpose of the meeting was to see if we could develop a fully integrated program involving trails, surveying, internship, funding etc.

With regards to the interactive Historic Walk project, Sarah from the WSSR will be setting up a studio to record HHEastman's dissertations on the historical sites. They will edit in photos and /or artifacts at a later date. She will contact Harland when ready.

- b) Cost estimates for Granite Posts: Hazen reported that Genest Concrete will haul the posts. It is estimated that it will cost approximately \$60 per hole to set them in. Sandblasting costs are unknown at this point. Don Roux to check with Craig Mcleod about the sandblasting.
- c) Eagle Scout Project at Breton Ave.: Lee met with a Eagle Scout candidate and his dad and his Scout leader. The Scout will put together a proposal to create a stone bench at that trail entrance.
- d) Adult Ed. Art Project: Kristen Fitzpatrick from Adult Ed is proposing to paint an Ariel view of the city on the knee wall at the bottom of Mid town Mall at the end of Riverside Drive.

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

5. Open discussion: There was none at this time.

6. Next Meeting: December 17, 2018 (bring treat to share for the holiday)

7. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Hazen and seconded by Lawrence. Unanimously approve.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25

Respectfully submitted by Thom Gagné, Secretary

