

Sanford Trail Committee Meeting
Monday February 24, 2020

Meeting began at 6:03

Approval of the January 27 Meeting minutes: Due to a delay in distribution, approval was tabled until the March meeting.

Volunteer Hours: A sheet was passed around to document the hours donated by the various members.

Members Present: Lee Burnett, Dollie Hutchins, Allen Grady, Thom Gagné, Lawrence Furbish, Rick Tockman, Al Pollard, Don Roux, Katie Hall

Guests: Peter Smith from DPW, Dana Peterson, Caleb Jones

1. Treasurers Report: Alan passed out a Capital Improvement Fund report listing our budget lines.

2. History Trail Expansion: Dana Peterson presented a suggestion on how and where to expand the History Trail to the So. Sanford area which would include signage at about \$600. He is presenting his proposal to the City Council and is looking for concept approval from the Trail Committee. There was a motion by Thom and seconded by Dollie to support Dana Peterson's So. Sanford Historic Trail concept as presented. The vote was 10 for and 1 opposed. The motion carried.

3. Signage Subcommittee Meeting Report: Hazen gave a report of their Feb. 4th meeting. He handed out a summary sheet of the subcommittee's decisions.

Hazen presented a proposal and asked the full Trail Committee for help to determine what to call the Trail System which includes the current MW, MWS, the paved pedestrian and bicycle paths. It was decided the linear trail would be know as " Mousam Way Trail"

Motion by Hazen and seconded by Dollie to name all trails of Sanford-Springvale, meaning the Mousam Way City Trail and any future trails that parallel the Mousam River North to South to be named the "Mousam Way Trail" and bear the logo "Mousam Way". This includes trails that

circumvent any pond, river, city block etc. and still connect to form a continuous trail.

The Main Trail is to be identified with a solid green line on the trail map.

Any so called Loop Trail shall bear the Mousam Way logo and be color coded. Paved bike routes shall be designated along the main trail.

The Railroad Trail, Farm Walk, Historic Walk, River Trail and any others shall have the Sanford Trails designation and bear the name of that trail.

After much discussion a vote was taken. The vote was nine for the motion as presented, one abstention and one against. The motion carried.

Understanding that there is still much work to be done, Hazen called for another sign subcommittee meeting Monday March 2nd at 4:00 in the third floor conference room.

4. Committee Reports:

a) Communications/outreach: Katie reported that she has been doing some posting on social media. Need to put out posts on a consistent basis. The postings are getting reactions on Fb, Twitter and Instagram. The group talked about creating an events page for 2020.

b) Construction: Hazen stated that we we need to do the gates listed in the CIP fun. We will do the granite posts and gates at the High School.

Hazen stated that we need to improve the trail from the foot bridge near the entrance to MWS to the MW Bike/Ped path. We could use some money from the Rene Letourneau fund. We would need to allocate \$3K. Still need to get permission from David Genest for the new link and re-up the old agreement that expires. Hazen volunteered to do this.

c) Volunteers: Rick reported that he reapplied to Wall-Mart but asked for \$5K this time. Rick reported about a group of youths with court ordered community service might be available to do trail work.

United Day of Caring June 3rd. Rick was contacted to remind him to apply. We need a project, location, specifics, provide food and a Port-a-Potty. Hazen suggested improving signage and trails around Gowens Park. More ideas are needed.

d) Landowner Relations: Hazen has been making contact with individuals for the Farm Walk Trail extension/loop.

5. Old Business:

- a) Bike Fest and Farm Walk Planning: Lee stated that we need to work on the details.

Bike Fest Volunteers: Don, Al, Dollie, Caleb, Lee

Farmers are well organized this year and are looking to improve.

Possible horse and wagon ride down the Rail Trail. The Art Association is holding their next meeting on Saturday March 14 at McDougal's in the morning.

- b) York county Trail Summit May 8th: Lee handed out a flyer about the Summit. There will be number of topics areas. Lee is planning to attend and others are welcome.

- c) Demo/Test Project: Our grant was not funded but Lee was given suggestions on how to improve our chances for next year. To enhance our chances we are going to to a Trail Traffic Calming Demo at the YMCA. The date to be announced.

- d) Kiwanis Club Transfer of the Mousam Way Trail to the City of Sanford. Hazen read a report that he gave to the City Council. The transfer was fully accepted by the City Council with lots of thanks for all that the Club has done for the city trails. Hazen handed out a copy of his presentation.

6. New Business: Improvement of the Rail bed near Deering Pond: Lee reported that he reached out to the Sanford ATV Club about improving the section of the rail bed by Deering Pond. Working together we might be able to get more funds. We should hear quickly about a joint application. In addition, the group agreed to send the plans for a beaver diversion structure to the High School to see if they would construct it.

7. Other Business: Caleb gave the Committee an update on his Eagle project at the trail head of the MWBike/Ped path at the Breton Ave. trail head. Hazen provided Caleb with some information to assist him in his project.

Next Meeting: March 16, 2020

Adjournment: Motion by Al and seconded by Rick to adjourn.

Unanimously approved

Meeting ended at 8:30

Respectfully Submitted by Thom Gagné, Secretary