

Sanford Trail Committee Zoom Meeting
Monday January 11, 2021

Meeting began at 6:03

Members Present: Brian Desrocher, Dollie Hutchins, Lawrence Furbish, Stephen Mallon, Katie Menede, Don Roux, Kevin Mckeeon, Hazen Carpenter, Thom Gagné, David Parent, Rick Tockman, All Pollard

1. Approval of the December 14, 2020 minutes: Motion by Lawrence and seconded by Steve to amend the minutes to add Peter Smith to the list of those present (He was noted in the minutes but not in the list of attendees) and to approve of the amended minutes. Unanimously approved.
2. Treasures Report: There was no change since the last meeting.
3. Accounting of Volunteer Hours : Steve presented the following;
 - Eight members reported 71.25 volunteer hours for the month of December. Total for the year 2020 was 635+ hours of service to the community.
4. Committee Reports:
 - A) Communications: Katie reported that it was a quiet month on her part. She did state that people are checking our Fb page and Instagram and actively following our social media posts.
 - B) Signs/Maps: Hazen reported that we have pretty much completed our sign project. Some signs are still needed in the cemetery and Springvale Rec. area.
 - Burpee is ready to go with regards to additional signage needed.
 - Post and Beam structures are to be laid out tomorrow (1/12/2021). We will have ten timber frames. For signage on these frames, Hazen showed three options. There was a motion by Thom and seconded by Kevin to use the Oval MW symbol with the words Sanford/Springvale Trails. The motion was unanimously approved. The actual size is to be determined later.In addition, David made a motion that was seconded by AI to add to the ten Trail Head signs the Kiwanis logo and the phrase, "Established but the Kiwanis Club 1989". This motion was unanimously approved. In addition to the MSW logo, Kiwanis logo, the trail map and a history placard will be on these trail heads

- Hazen reported that we owe Judy Wood the graphic designer \$450.
- C) Construction:
 - Breton Ave. on hold.
 - Rail Trail Eagle Project on hold.
 - Joint venture going well. STS building the road. The culverts is in and the project should be completed in a few days. Hazen stated that there will be no problem getting maintenance equipment on the Rail Trail in the future.
- D) Volunteers: Rick reported that there was no activity to report other than that he will be applying for the maximum Walmart Grant in February.
- E) Landowner Relations: Hazen states that there was no report at this time.

5. Old Business:

- A) Election of officers: Motion by Lawrence and seconded by Katie for a unanimous consent for the elections of officers for the coming year. Motion was unanimously approved. The slate is as follows:
 - Chairman - Hazen Carpenter
 - Vice Chairman - Kevin Mckeon
 - Secretary - Thom Gagné
- B) Maps & Brochures: Hazen reported that we have \$1,000 in funds for this. The maps are ready and we need to work on the brochure. Last time we solicited sponsors for the map. The group decided to form a subcommittee to develop a letter to solicit sponsors. Hazen, Lawrence, Al, and Katie to serve on this subcommittee. Hazen also asked for pictures to use in the brochure. Kevin will send out photos for the group to peruse as possible candidates for inclusion in the brochure.
- C) Middle School connector: Brian reported that the city is still working on the project.
- D) Trail Connections within the City: Hazen reported that we have 24 locations for trail connection signs. There are 14 existing posts we can use. 10 more posts need to get Dig Safe clearance for the installation of them.
- E) Joint Venture with the Land Trust: See section 4.C above
- F) Rail Trail Improvement: Hazen reported that the Rail Trail from Carpenters Crossing to the Lebanon Line needs attention. STS gave Hazen an estimate of \$26,760 to fix that section of trail

properly. Hazen suggested that while STS is in the area we could have them grade it so that it sheds water. The committee acknowledged the need but was not in favor of trying to find the money to do this at this time.

6. New Business:

A) By-Laws: Hazen reported that the Property Subcommittee of the City Council will review our proposed By-Laws tomorrow (1/12/2021).

B) Priorities for 2021-2022: Hazen asked for submission of project ideas so as to develop a budget.

The following were suggested:

- David suggested that we should take a look at all of the bridges for any structural and decking issues.
- Stanley Rd. Parking project.
- Some section of rail bed improvements.
- More work on the Farm Trail from the RR bed to Blanchard Rd.
- School St.-MWS area improvements such as; parking, river access and a dock for fishing.
- Extending the MW trails from the H.S. to Rt. 4.

Hazen asked for individuals to send him ideas for next year and he will list them and send the list out to members via email.

C) Budget: See 6. B above.

D) Annual Report: Hazen sent out an email to all members with a copy of what he will present to the City Council.

E) City Forester: In a section of our By-Laws, the City Forester is a non voting member of the committee. Lawrence suggested that we invite him to a committee meeting. Brian Desrocher will see what the City Forester/Arborist responsibilities are and how he is connected to the City before we send out an invitation.

7. Next Meeting: Monday February 8, 2021

8. Closing Remarks: None at this time, it was all said above.

9. Adjournment: Motion by AI and seconded by Don to adjourn.
Unanimously approved.

Meeting ended at 7:51

Respectfully submitted by Thom Gagné, Secretary

