

Sanford Trail Committee Zoom Meeting
Monday February 8, 2021

Meeting began at 6:02

Members Present: Thom Gagné, Dollie Hutchins, Hazen Carpenter, Katie Manende, Lawrence Furbish, Stephen Mallon, Kevin McKeon, Brian Desrochers, Peter Smith, Rick Tockman, Al Pollard

1. Approval of the minutes from the January 11, 2021 meeting. There was a motion by Lawrence and seconded by Steve to accept the minutes as presented. Unanimously approved.
2. Treasurers Report: We started off with a balance mom \$1,461.00. However, we originally allocated \$3,165 for map printing. This bill however came up to \$4,140. Thus we were \$975.00 short. This amount (\$975) was deducted from the beginning balance of \$1,461.00 leaving us with \$486.00. Since we did not get the grant we applied for we were able to take the money earmarked for that, \$3,750 and put that back with our \$486.00 balance so that we now have a new balance of \$4,236.00.
3. Volunteer Hours: Steve reported that there were 106.7 volunteer hours put in by committee members during the month of January. A breakdown of the hours was sent out by Steve in an email to the committee members.
4. Committee Reports:
 - A) Communications/Outreach: Katie reported that we had about 1,519 followers to our Facebook page. Our Posts for the last thirty days had 1,243 views, 279 comments or likes and 26 new active followers.
 - B) Signs & Maps: Hazen reported that the signs and map project has been completed. Hazen said he is putting in purchase orders of \$3,720 and \$420 for all the maps and signs needed for the Trail Maps segments and Trailhead maps and signs.
 - C) Construction/Maintenance: Hazen reported that Whites Logging has completed their work and left everything in proper order.
 - D) Volunteers: Rick reported that the Walmart grant has become much more complex by requiring more information but, he is working on it.
Rick noted that some logs were moved by the intersection of the Vigue Rd. and Rail Trail to gain access to the Vigue Rd. Kevin

mentioned that there are plans to place some large boulders in that area in the Spring to restrict motorized access.

D) Landowner Relations: There was nothing to report at this time.

5. Old Business:

A) By-Laws (this item was not on the original agenda): Lawrence reported that the By-Laws were never formally approved by us and they didn't need any changes to the original proposed By-Laws. Motion by Al and seconded by Rick to accept the By-Laws as originally presented to the committee. Unanimously approved.

B) Timber Frames: Hazen reported that the construction of the trailhead timber frames is complete. The job was done by David Lawrence. Katie was able to get the bolts that were need donated by CMP. We still need ten metal plated to mount them. Hazen contacted Jason Payeur to fabricate these. Jason agreed to do it for the \$180.00, the cost of materials. The committee authorized Hazen to have these plates powder coated for a cost of \$250.00. In addition, Austin, who has a lumber mill on Blanchard Rd. is donating and cutting the lumber needed for the cap boards. Joe Pierce, of Precision Roofing, will donate the metal roofing caps to finish off the frames. The erection for the frames in the Spring will be very interesting due to their weight.

It was suggested that we keep track of the value of all the donations of labor and materials that the Trail committee is able to parlay for its different projects. Hazen reported that he had most of that documented but, just needs to put it together.

C) Joint Venture: Hazen reported that the the work is complete and that we now have a great access to the Rail Trail.

D) Maps & Brochures: Hazen reported that all the text for the brochure were written and edited and sent to the map publisher. Hazen added some verbiage about the Urban Trail Connections. The subcommittee charged with solicitation of adds reported the following: Al got a \$500.00 donation from So. ME Health Care. Katie is working on a \$500.00 donation from CMP (this amount was confirmed the day following the meeting), Lawrence got \$250.00 from the Y and Hazen got \$250 respectively from Rubb, STS Construction, and TPD construction. Still working on Traiano. The sub committees efforts will generate \$2,500.00.

The committee is will look for \$100.00 sponsors. Al and Lawrence both pledged that amount to be our first individual sponsors.

Pictures still need to be selected. Kevin had previously sent out possible candidates for inclusion. Kevin suggested that the Map & Brochure Subcommittee be charged to make the final selections. Motion by Thom and seconded by Lawrence for the Map & Brochure Subcommittee to make the final selections of photos to be used. Unanimously approved. Hazen to set up the subcommittee meeting. Hazen mention that he noticed that the Rail Trail Section Map was missing. It was unanimously agreed that that this should be included.

5. New Business:

A) School Street Site: At the School St. end of the MWS pedestrian and bike path there needs to be some improvements made. Hazen pointed out that the existing fence must be moved so that parking is 750 feet from the river as per Shore Land Zoning. Moving the fence would still allow for parking and for a turn around. Hazen asked Joe-Ann Cavanaugh, an architect, to do another sketch of the reworked site for \$500.00. As part of this update, we will move the River Access Trailhead and sign to this area. Because of Shore Land Zoning, a dock can't be included in the project. This project would need a culvert and gravel, trees and landscaping. Hazen estimated the cost of this project to be between \$17.5 K to \$20K. He said that we could use \$6k from the Letourneau fund help offset the total.

B) Rail Trail Quotes: Hazen got some quotes for Rail Trail repairs for two sections.

1. Hansons Ridge to Carpenters Crossing - \$11,772.00
2. Carpenters Crossing to the Lebanon line - \$26,760.00

C) Other Quotes:

1. Stanley Rd./CMP lot to the Leap - \$13,910.00
2. Farm trail from Rail Trail to the bridge on Hazen's land - \$6,325

D) Priorities For Coming Calendar Year and Estimated costs:

Following is a list of potential projects for the coming year and for the future. Some have cost estimates. Those that don't Hazen will work them up. Some ideas were submitted by committee members and some by the chairman. Hazen asked that members send in any project ideas they would like to see included for a final list by the next meeting. As stated above, Hazen will add a price tag to it if you don't know the possible cost. Once we have a compiled list of potential projects, we will go through a problem solving process to prioritize the them. That exact process has yet to be determined. The list included the above quotes from 5. A,B & C.

Projects for the coming year and beyond

- Rail Trail from Hansons Ridge to Carpenters Crossing.	\$11,772
- Rail Trail from Carpenters Bridge to Lebanon line.	\$26,760
- Stanley Rd./CMP lot to the Leap.	\$13,910
- Stanley Rd./CMP lot to the Leap. (second estimate).	\$16,000
- Farm Trail from Rail Trail to the bridge on Hazen's property.	\$6,325
- Rail Trail Park on city property near Rivards farm.	\$
- Paved trail from Y to Spartan Blvd. roots causing ripples.	\$
- Trail connector between Prospect ST. and Rail Trail has exposed fabric. Needs covering.	\$
- Replacement of pedestrian/bike bridge off Stanley Rd.	\$25,000
- Improve sections of Rail Trail (not specified).	\$
- Repair entire length of the Rail Trail.	\$66,482
- School St. lot/park (see 5.A above).	\$20,000
- Expand parking at Oak St. trail head.	\$
- MW Trail by Dog Park and Armory has exposed fabric.	\$
- Extend MWS from H.S. to Rt. 4.	\$5,000
- Handicapped Accessible bridges on Mousam River connecting Sevigny property to Mousam Way Park.	\$5,000
- Extend MWS from Rt. 4 to Rt. 99, incorporating a bridge crossing the Mousam River using the existing abutments on the Star Land Trust property, moving the fence along a Sewer district settling pond, another bridge across the Mousam and trail work to Rt. 99.	\$
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6. Next Meeting: Monday March 15 (the Ides of March), 2021

7. Closing Remarks: There were none at this time.

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

Meeting ended at 7:40

Respectfully submitted by Thom Gagné, Secretary