

Sanford Trail Committee Meeting  
Monday April 25, 2022

Meeting began at 7:00

Members present: Lawrence Furbish, Dave Parent, Dollie Hutchins, Sam Parady, Thom Gagné, Brady Lloyd, Kevin Mckeon, Katie Menende, Al Polard, Hazen Carpenter, Jeff Wells

Guests: Jim Roux (Sno-goers), Erick DeWeaver (ATV), Art Qualtice, Adam Rice, Matthew Leggett (ATV), Jeff Doiron, James Hood, Guy Picard, Marc Alger, Dianne Connoly, Jordan Wilson, Bruce 1 and perhaps others.

1. Approval of the March 21, 2022 minutes: Motion by Dollie and seconded by Sam to accept the minutes as presented. Unanimously approved.
2. Financial Report: Brady reported that we spent \$390.00 on signs. Our CIP account has \$13,873.84. The special revenue account has \$5,303.79 less \$277.22 with the actual total of \$4,926.57.
3. Sanford City Communications Coordinator Jordan Wilson: Jordan introduced herself to the group. She has heard very positive comments about the trails. She feels that this would be good for marketing because it is a real asset and she would like to highlight the Trail System on the City Fb page. She asked for some trail pictures to use in the promoting. Dave and Dollie gave her some names as resources.
4. Jim Roux - Sno-Goers Club - Farm Trail: Jim introduced himself and informed the committee how the Sno-Goers would like to do some improvements on the Farm Trail. Looking to do erosion control using wood chips/fabric. He inquired as to whether or not they need permission on the right of way? Also, does the Committee have funds to help them out? He did not have a cost estimate because it would depend on what they would do and what materials used. They would like to do some work this summer. R254 A on the tax map is the area that needs improvement. Lawrence to set up a time to meet with Jim Roux and have a site visit.
5. Matt Leggett - ATV Club Matt introduced himself and some of his crew. He stated he wanted to help with trail maintenance and projects such as the Carpenters Bridge and down to the ATV exit off the R T. The Club wants to be part of the maintenance schedule and

acknowledged that the ATVs wear the trail down more than other users. He plans to have an ATV Club officer on the Trail Committee. Adam Rice, the State Rep. to ATV clubs introduced himself. He was down in Sanford to meet with the Sanford ATV Club.

ATV Club meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at Holdsworth Park or the SSYAA field on Witham St.

The ATV Grant application is due the end of May. Need estimates for any trail improvements by May 20th

6. Committee Reports:

7. A. Communication/Outreach - Katie: Katie reported that we had 387 Instagram followers and 1,902 on Fb. She is still looking for member profiles and photo. She informed the group that she had done a posting for Earth Day. Some people contacted Brady to tell him that had done some trash pickup as a result. She also informed the Committee that she clarified some internet facts on the Rail Trail. Lawrence brought up the question about someone's post on Fb. Katie says she responds to everything on the page but not always on the other postings.

Katie also talked about a CJL teacher who would like some Trail Committee help to clean up a section of trail behind the school.

B. Construction/Maintenance -Hazen:

- 1) YMCA and Dog Park trail improvement - The Trail Committee needs to set up some dates to do the work and it will be posted at PW to see if we can get some paid volunteers from there.
- 2) Crosswalk on Bridge St. - Brian is working on it. We will need a work detailing in the near future. Hazen will email for help.
- 3) Leap Bridge: Hazen estimated that materials will cost \$600.00. Motion by Thom and seconded by Dollie to approve up spending \$600.00 to purchase materials to repair the bridge. We will need to set up a work detail when we have the materials.
- 4) Historic Signs - Hazen informed the group that the signs were ready to replace the faded ones. Also need two new posts for two additional signs. A work detail for this project will be organized in the near future.
- 5) School St. Project - Hazen reported that he talked to Matt Hill and Pete Smith and asked if PW could put in the culvert at the School St. trail head parking area. STS will do the culvert and the other work needed for \$24,856.00. STS would do the work without the culvert for \$12,500. If we can PW to do the culvert we will save \$12,000. Also, we don't officially have to go out to bid because

the City money involved will be less than

Brady solicited three contractors and only two responded.

- C. Volunteer Hours - Lawrence: Lawrence reported that the committee members put in 90 hours of service.
- D. City Relations - Sam: Sam informed the group that the City Budget Committee and Council had a workshop on the City budget. The budget didn't pass at the Council meeting so a workshop was had to discuss it. At this point, our \$39,000.00 budget request is still in. April 19 - When City Council approved the Rail Trail Policy April 5th - A TIF was approved for the old Nasson Upper Campus development. There are plans to connect the project with the Rail Trail.
- E. Trail Adoption/Volunteers - Lawrence sent out a potential list of volunteer groups. Still need to get some contact people for these groups. Lawrence to reach out.

#### 7. Old Business:

- A. Spring Projects - See item #6.B. above
  - 1) School St. Project - See item #6.B.5) above
  - 2) Dog Park - See item #6.B.1) above
  - 3) Wood Bridge near Leap - See item #6. B.3) above
  - 4) Middle School Bike Path - There is progress being made
- B. Status of Development of Rail Trail Policy
  - Need speed limit policy for Police Dept.
  - Brady informed the Committee that the new Trail Policy will need to be posted at public gathering places.
- C. Budget Request - See item #6.D. above.
- D. Beaver Deceiver - We are on Skip Lyles' schedule.
- E. High School Loop Trail: The metal gates need to be modified to allow for easier access for bikes and pedestrians. The cost is about \$600.00 per gate but is part off the RTP Grant. The "artifacts" report clears the way to continue.
- F. Historic Signs: See #6.B.4)

#### 8. New Business:

- A. 2022 - 2023 Projects and Priorities
    - 1) Mousam Way North
    - 2) Rail Trail
    - 3) Bridge at Stanley Road
- Diane mentioned some issues that need attention. One was the

- bridge on the trail to the Depot that comes off the Rail Trail.
- B. Sanford Bike Fest and Sanford Trails Day - Saturday June 4th. Lee Burnett is asking for help. Let Lawrence know if you are available to help out during the event and or pick up trash on Friday. Lawrence also mentioned the City Trail Proclamation.
  - C. Grooming Trails for the Winter: Lawrence proposed that we try to find some volunteers to haul a narrow sled weighted with cement blocks improve the trails for skiing and snowshoeing. There was a discussion of the pros and cons about purchasing and using a snowdog. It would help draw more no-motorized trail users in the winter.
  - D. Meetings: There was discussion of weather to have meetings in person or on Zoom. The committee was informed that we must still meet via Zoom at this time.

9. Next Meeting: Monday May 16, 2022

10. Closing Remarks:

12. Adjournment: Motion by Sam and seconded by Dave to adjourn. Unanimously approved.

Meeting ended at 9:12

Respectfully submitted by Thom Gagné, Secretary