

Zoom Sanford Trail Committee Meeting
Monday June 15, 2020

Meeting began at 6:06

Members Present: Lee Burnett, Thom Gagné, Hazen Carpenter, Steve Mallon, Kevin McKeon, Al Pollard, Dollie Hutchins, Dave Parent

1. Approval of the May 18, 2020 meeting. Motion by Rick and seconded by Kevin to accept the minutes as presented. Unanimously approved.
2. Accounting for volunteer hours. An email sheet will be sent out for this.
3. Treasures Report: At this time we still have \$11,188.17 in our account. We do have some expenses coming for spraying, the Beaver Deceiver and signs.
4. Committee Reports:
 - a) Communication/outreach - Katie: Katie has been posting photos on facebook for trail clearing, etc.
 - b) Signs - Lee. The sign committee has been busy and signs are in process and maps will be printed soon.
 - c) Construction/Maintenance - Hazen:
 - (1) Hazen suggested that we send a thank you card to Dave Genest for his help removing the bridge. He had two trucks, a backhoe and two drivers to help remove and transport the bridge from MWS to the rail bed off off Hansons Ridge.
 - (2) Frank Austin helped move the bridge a 1/4 mile down the rail bed to Branch River spanning Land Trust and city property.
 - (3) The beaver situation is under control since the water level is low.
 - (4) The rail trail from the Hansons Ridge Rd. To the Lebanon line is being severely mangled. The rail trail from Hansons Ridge to Oak St. has rocks being exposed. The ditch has brush growing along it and it needs to be cleared.
 - (5) At MW South we need to place a new sign at the entrance to improve the appearance.
 - (6) Breton Ave. entrance needs to be cleaned up and improved. We need to find out the status of the Eagle Scout project. We may need to take our own action to improve the appearance.
 - (7) Boardwalk requires some minor repairs. There is one broken board and some lose boards that need to be reattached.

- d) Volunteers - Rick: Rick stated that once we had our signs and posts ready to go, he will call a group of volunteers to help with the installation.
- e) Landowner Relations - Lee: Lee has reached out to Richard Shaw about the potential of a small parking lot off Rt. 224 as part of the RPT Grant we are applying for.

5. Old Business:

- a) Possible up date on Open Farm Day/Farm Walk: There is no guidance from there State yet. Several farmers have decided not to participate which would preclude loop trails. Lee suggested that we should cancel this year. Providing a shuttle would be problematic. If the State does approve it, the farmers could still participate but we would not sponsor/support the Farm Walk. Motion by Al and seconded by Rick to suspend the Farm Walk for this year. Unanimously approved.
- b) Possible Update on Municipal ATV Grant for Deering Pond area: Lee reported that there is no update at this time. We discussed the traffic calming exercise we conducted on the Pleasant St. to Witham St. trail connector. Lee will ask Nick to set up their trail cameras for monitoring. We could use some data on the Pleasant St. connector and the Vigue trail intersection. Another area that could use some monitoring is the section about half way from Oak St. to the pond. Hazen will use his game camera as well.
- c) Burpee Sign Order: The committee reviewed the invoice from Burpee for \$1,160. These include the speed limits, directional signs, and map signs. Dollie made a motion to approve the payment for the sign list. The motion was seconded by Thom. Unanimously approved.

Lee will bill the ATV Club \$130. For their share of the speed limit signs.

The etiquette signs are coming together thanks to the feedback of members. Lee suggested that we place them at the Depot, Frank Austins and Deering Pond.

- d) RTP Grant: Lee reported that there are two projects lined up for the next grant. One was by the MW South area but David Genest does not want it. Another would have been for the National Guard on the Rail Trail from Hansons Ridge to the Lebanon line. Another option would be to improve the Rail Trail from RR Ave. to Shaws Ridge for non-motorized use since there is an alternative route to the power

lines without using the Rail Trail. This project would include a small parking lot on Rt. 224. To expedite the process we will approach the ATV Club about closing off the Rail Trail from the cut-off to the Depot. We will invite the ATV Club to a special meeting at the Depot.

- e) Weed Control by DPW: The committee approved \$400.00 for weed control but we can possibly do it for \$50.00. Hopefully it will happen this week.
- f) City Logo: Lee reported that he could not get any info on this. This item was tabled until next meeting.

6. New Business:

- a) Modification off the Master Plan: There are several small projects that we should seek some amendments to our Master Plan before it becomes part of the City's Comprehensive plan.
 - (1) Spur Trail from Alumni Drive to the MW. One is on City property and Land Trust property.
 - (2) Connector from the old Jr. H.S. to Gowens Park and a boardwalk from Lookout Point back to the MW trail.
 - (3) Bridge near/before the "Leap" to make a loop.
 - (4) An aluminum bridge to replace the wooden bridge along Stanley Rd.
 - (5) Fenced in Ped/Bike trail between Sherwin Williams and the condos instead of going via the old Bruno property.
- b) Etiquette Signs: See section 5. c) above
- c) Stream Restoration Project on Lebanon St.: The City is doing stream improvement and will need to temporarily move our Timber Trail sign on Lebanon St. The committee agreed that there was no problem with their plan.
- d) Tree lengths needed to block bootleg trails: Lee shared with the group how there are trails that have been made to hook up with the rail trail. Some of them had trees cut that were on city property. Lee felt that we should barricade these trails. Hazen stated that since it is a multi use trail, people can access ittee Minutes from any point.

The real

issue is tree cutting on city property. Lee felt that we should have some policy on access by private trails. Lee proposed that we allow grandfathered trails but not new trails onto the rail bed. The group suggested that we contact Steve Buck about the situation.

7. Other: Motion by Thom and seconded by Dollie to have our next

- meeting via zoom. Unanimously approved.
8. Next Meeting: Zoom meeting Monday July 20, 2020
 9. Adjournment: Motion by All and seconded by Rick to adjourn.
Unanimously approved.

Meeting ended at 8:42

Respectfully submitted by Thom Gagné, Secretary