

Sanford Trail Committee Zoom Meeting  
Monday Aug. 24, 2020

Meeting began at 6:01

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

1. Approval of the July 20, 2020 minutes. Motion by Hazen and seconded by Kevin to approve the minutes as presented. Unanimously approved.
2. Accounting of Volunteer hours: Alan to request hours from members.
3. Treasurers Report: Alan not present, no report.
4. Committee Reports:
  - a) Communications/Outreach: Katie is absent and there is no report from her. Lee reported that there has been some traffic on the Rail Trail to Shaws Ridge. The Shaw's Ridge manager has reported more traffic than expected. The promo on social media is working. We will have a report when the trail camera numbers are available.
  - b) Maps/Signs: Lee reported that some of the speed limit signs are in and a few more need to be put up before the weekend. Kevin will put them up. Police will be going to do speed checks for four hours.
  - c) Construction/Maintenance: Steve reported that the trail head on Stanley Road needs some brush clearing and a few planks on the bridge need to be replaced. A trash detail might be in order because there have been a lot of people at the Leap. Lee will check with the new High School to determine details on relocation of the kiosk from the the old High School. Hazen stated that the signs and grounds at the Genest/Emery Street location will be cleaned up. No plan to move the old High School Blvd. kiosk near River St. to Emery St.
  - d) Volunteers: Rick was not in attendance and there was no report.
  - e) Land Owner Relations: Lee is working on multiple tasks and there is a back log at this time. There are no specifics for this meeting.

5. Old Business:

a) Update on the RTP 2021 Grant: Lee stated that the purpose was to improve the condo area of the Rail Trail and the 1,400' between Pleasant St. and Mousam St. and Pleasant St. to the power lines.

Quotes currently in hand include:

- 1) STS: \$5,600 to improve and pave condo area and add traffic controls as well (this quote is from last year and is subject to adjustment).
- 2) STS: \$10,000 to do grade work and fine grade top coat on Mousam Way Marginal Way portion, not to include paving. There was discussion on the responsibility for fine grade.
- 3) City Contractor: \$15,000 for paving of a 2" by 10' wide section, 1400" of Mousam Way Trail. Discussion followed with Lee stating that we can apply for up to \$50,000 in RTP Grant, obligating us to match up to \$12,000 in trail funds. Hazen questioned the amount the Trails Committee pays. He stated that it used to be \$8,000 for the match. Lee stated that the terms have changed.

Grants must be submitted by the end of September and needs City Council approval. Paving needs to be done for dust control. Kevin asked if the ATV Club will provide help as dust is an ATV issue. Hazen was concerned with ATV money spent on the Rail Trail. Motion by Kevin and seconded by Dollie to submit a RTP Grant approval request to the City Council for \$50,000. Approved unanimously. Details to be determined after Council approval.

b) Graphic Designer Selection: Lee reported that he has received three quotes for modification of the current Mousam Way logo to incorporate a representation of the Rail Trail into it.

- 1) Tammy Ackerman: \$1,500 - availability in Oct. at the earliest.
- 2) Portland Design: \$1,500 - availability late Fall, black and white design only.
- 3) Wood and Co.: \$500 - available in next few weeks. This is the group that did the Springvale Farm Walk logo.

Discussion ensued. Lee recommended Wood and Co. She will come back with three options for our review. Hazen supports no change to the current logo beyond adding graphic signifying the Rail Trail. Dollie indicated that was already a precondition agreed to and Lee reiterated that it is part of the directive given to the designer. Also, the designer will create a logo that works with

different colors. Green is the current logo color with varied backgrounds. Kevin shared a few graphics he created for our review. Motion by Dollie and seconded by Steve to hire Judy Wood of Wood and Co. to do the work. Unanimously approved. An effort to round up current logo examples and forward them to Wood and Co. will be made.

- c) Middle School Connector: Matt Hill agrees with the need for a pedestrian connector. City requires a separate permit which Lee has completed and submitted and is awaiting response from the planning Dept. We are hopeful for Fall completion. The \$800 approved has already been spent. The site plan in this area was substandard and required modification.
- d) Master Plan Modifications and Amendments: At Lee's suggestion a discussion to add properties to the Master Plan will be taken up at the next meeting. He reiterated encouragement for Mousam Way Land Trust acquisition of the Blanchard/Wallingford property. Kevin updated the Committee on the the purchase attempt. The offer was refused by MWLT. There was a limited discussion of other options MWLT or the City could consider.

#### 6. New Business:

- a) Committee By-Laws (a Council directive): The City Council recommends By-Laws for the Trail Committee should be adopted. Alan put together a first draft which was reviewed. Lee suggested requesting Lawrence's experienced insight in this area. Discussion that ensued raised the following question concerning additional membership be extended to trail abutters and impacted landowners. Also mentioned was the problems with term limits for members and officers and the resultant loss of experienced members. Involving younger people was an issue that was voiced. Motion by Steve and seconded by Hazen to table By-Laws work pending additional information and insight from Alan concerning term limits. Unanimously approved.
- b) Bridge Project Springvale: Lee had a discussion with Dave Nickerson of Rubb Inc. He may offer design assistance for a footbridge crossing above the Rec. Area portion of the Mousam River. The money received from the Libby settlement must be spent in that area and the Veterans Cemetery and Pence Beautification Fund may provide additional funds. A bridge there would offer a scenic loop walk, would be perhaps 30' long. Hazen

suggested possible utilization of a riverside abutment or ledges and stone steps. Concerns about diving or jumping from the bridge were discussed as well. The bridge could be sited in a shallow area to reduce this likelihood. Lee suggested we all try to walk the area to familiarize ourselves with it.

7. Other: None at this time

8. Next Meeting: Monday September 21, 2020

9. Adjournment: Motion by Hazen and seconded by AI to Adjourn.  
Unanimously approved.

Meeting ended at 7:33

Respectfully submitted by Steve Mallon (Acting Secretary) and compiled  
by Thom Gagné, Secretary