

Sanford Trail Committee Meeting
Monday September 20, 2021

Meeting began at 7:02

Members Present: Hazen Carpenter, Brian Desrochers, Lawrence Furbish, Dollie Hutchins, Steve Mallon, Katie Manende-Hall, Kevin McKeon, Dave Parent

Public in attendance: Lee Burnett, Diane Connolly, Bruce Knight

1. Approval of the 7/19/2021 Meetings Minutes: Motion by Kevin and seconded by Dollie to accept the minutes as presented. Unanimously approved.
2. Approval of the 8/16/2021 Special Meeting Minutes: Motion by Kevin and seconded by Steve to accept the minutes as presented. Unanimously approved.
3. Financial Report: The beginning balance was \$25,315.00, less payment or encumbrance of \$455.00 to Burpee Signs and \$990.00 to Joanne Cavanaugh for work done. Ending balance is: \$23,870.00. Special reserve balance is \$5,421.00
4. Volunteer Hours: Steve reported that six members submitted 38.25 hrs. Hazen will resend his time since it was not included in the total.
5. Committee Reports:
 - A. Communications/Outreach: Katie reported that one person was banned from the Fb page. Boy Scout leader Ed Cormier is looking to relocate the Winter Klondike Derby from Camp Nutter to Sanford. He will present at our next meeting.
 - B. Signage: It was reported that three historic signs are to be installed in Springvale have Dig-safe approval. The Genest sign is ready for pick up. The sign posts will be available tomorrow (9/21).
 - C. Construction/Maintenance: Emery St. Boardwalk decking was repaired by Hazen, Kevin and Steve. Sideboards should be tightened down to thwart vandalism. Overhead brush clearing on Rail Trail needs consideration, particularly if vehicle access is needed. Brian said that PW has done some weed clearing on the

MW Ped/Bike Path from Pioneer Ave. area and near the PW Garage. Lawrence to walk the area to identify if any further work is needed. If we want to spray, there are seasonal time constraints to consider.

6. Old Business:

- A. Breton Ave.: Minor cleanup is needed before the granite is set. Hazen and Brian to check on the situation this week.
- B. School St. Project: Joanne Cavanaugh eliminated the boat launch from the plans at our request due to the required \$6,000.00 for water testing fees. The project status is questionable if a commercial guardrail is necessary. Matt Provencher stated that pressure treated breakaway guardrail may be adequate if tied in with the existing guardrail. Joanne says there will be a small expense to update this change to the plan.
- C. In-town Connector: The posts are available and can be driven in anytime now.
- D. Rail Trail Task Force: Dave will present the report Tuesday night 9/21/2021 at the City Council meeting. They will review the recommendations, take up policy decisions and move forward. The report is public information. Hopefully public comment will be allowed.
- E. Beaver Deceiver at Deering Pond: Skip Lisle provided the committee a quote of \$2,800.00 to include the extension of the beaver deceiver pipe into Deering pond, prevent damming by beavers, keep water level at lowest level possible, and prevent additional development of wetlands. The Mousam Way Land Trust declined to provide half the cost for the work so the full amount would have to be born by the Trail Committee.
A lengthy discussion followed about rail trail permeability and adjacent wetlands, ditch flow levels and what the proper level of the pond to be maintained. Diane Connolly inquired about the necessity of grant money or can we pay from our own funds and who regulates the water level. Dave explained that there is typically no obligation of state oversight of pond levels unless power generation or flood control is involved. Hazen read Bud Johnson's letter dated 5/9/21 that indicates a need to lower the water level of the pond. Dollie Made a motion to vote on accepting Skips quote to rework the beaver deceiver extension in to the pond. Hazen seconded the

motion.

Discussion of the motion followed with Dave recommending that the City/Brian handle the oversight of the work. There was consensus that the Trail Committee would not be involved with the input or installation. The removal of dams/culverts as brought up by Kevin was also discussed. There was a unanimous agreement to amend the original motion. Dollie then amended her motion which was seconded by Dave to accept Skip's Contract and for the City to supervise the work, conditional to Land Trust authorization. The motion passed unanimously.

- F. T-Shirts: There was a review of the T-Shirt logo design, colors and styles. A single color reduces the cost to \$8-10 per shirt with printing and we would sell it for \$15.00. Katie got another vendor quote but "Deb and Duke" have been determined to be the best option. Hazen is familiar with D&D and will follow up with them. The Committee agreed to change the lettering from Sanford to Sanford-Springvale.
- G. By-law Changes: Due to concerns of member attendance and involvement we should look for active committee members since we can have 13 members. Hazen to will compose an email to be sent to each current member asking for an indication of continued interest in serving on the Trail Committee. After a review then we can decide the next step for membership.

7. New Business:

- A. MW South/High School Trails Proposal: Hazen reported that the City Property Sub-Committee has given a strong endorsement of our proposed MW South/High School trails expansion. Review/action by the "City Council is expected at the the City Council meeting tomorrow, 9/21/21.
- B. Stanley Road Trailhead: CMP's proposed project is not expected soon. It was recommended that we should at least transfer and install the Kiosk/sign from Spartan Blvd. to this site after some grading. It was suggested that we do improvements to the woods road trail and the old trail connection to the veterans cemetery, add signage on the trails, put in a bridge over the stream to develop better connections on the North East side of the Mousam river. The City owns the land so we'll need city permission grade the parking lot. There was a discussion of the bridges at this section fo the trail. It was felt that the Stanley Rd. Bridge be checked for structural

integrity, that Woodland bridge #1 needs a railing repair and that Woodland bridge #2 is in good shape. The committee is still seeking funding sources for an aluminum bridge to replace the Stanley Rd. bridge. Telephone poles and decking are a possibility for the new bridge to cross the stream. Hoping for action before winter. Motion by Lawrence and seconded by Dave to proceed with the Stanley Rd. Project. Unanimously approved.

8. Next meeting: Monday Oct. 18, 2021

9. Closing Remarks: None at this time.

10. Adjournment: Motion by Steve and seconded by Lawrence to adjourn. Unanimously approved.

Meeting ended at 8:56

The notes for this meeting were graciously taken by Steve Mallon in my absence and subsequently reformatted and respectfully submitted by Thom Gagné, Secretary