

Sanford Trail Committee Meeting
Monday October 17, 2022
Zoom Meeting

Meeting began at 7:02

Members Present: Brady Lloyd, Thom Gagné, Lawrence Furbish, Hazen Carpenter, Sam Parady, Katie Manende, Dollie Hutchins, David Parent, Kevin McKeon, Jeff Well

1. Approval of the September 19, 2022 minutes. Motion by Hazen and seconded by Sam to approve the minutes as presented.
2. Financial Report: Trail CIP - \$899.82 paid to Pepin for trucking material. \$1,220 encumbered to Matt Landry. CIP balance is \$28,675.41. Special revenue account is \$5,051.20
3. Committee Reports:
 - A. Communication/Outreach - Katie: Katie reported an email about a part of the MWS that had debris on it and a fire pit. Brady suggested that if Katie gets such an email, it should be referred to the Police Dept. Lawrence reported that he had picked up some glass on the same trail. It was suggested that having a set protocol on what to do or who to contact would be helpful.
 - B. Construction/Maintenance - Hazen:
 - 1) The rail trail was trimmed back from Hanson Ridge Rd.
 - 2) Stanley Rd. Project: We allotted \$2,000. Hazen reported that Matt started today. It is already looking improved, but, will need more gravel to finish it off. We may still be within budget.
 - 3) Farm trail: The Snowgoers have cleaned up along the easement. They put in a culvert in the field for the land owner. Will need some more material for a few wet spots.
 - 4) MWS Boardwalk: Hazen stated that we need to create a work party to replace some boards and edging boards.
 - 5) MWN Striping on the Marginal Way portion: Hazen reported that Matt Hill hasn't been there yet to advise where to do the actual striping.
 - 6) Haven Cove: The trail there needs to be improved. Hazen suggested we start the process of talking to the condo association. Brady suggested that we also contact the Property Subcommittee

of the Council to see what they want and share our ideas so that we can improve the trail.

- C. Volunteer hours: Lawrence reported that 35 hours of volunteer service was put in by committee member during Sept.
- D. City Relations: Nothing of significance to report.
- E. Trail Adoption and Volunteers: There was nothing to report.

4. Old Business:

- A. School Street: The project has been revitalized. Stone Fencing Co. to move the fence for \$2,700. Dave, Brady, Lawrence, Matt Hill, Matt Provencher and Peter Smith met and solved the question of where to put the culvert. Related to this end of the MWS trail, Dave reported that there was a tree down on the fence and the crown of the tree is obstructing the trail. Need a team to dispatch it.
- B. Middle School Bike Path Connector: The original plan that was created for this project went to Site Plan Review. That plan showed the path off the road. The PW and School Dept. wanted it on the road since it was believed that the number of parking spaces needed would be less once the school became the Middle School. The plan was to eliminate the parking spaces along that section of the Perimeter Rd. which would allow the path to be safely on the road. As a result, the plan specs were revised by Dave Parent. The current School Admin. now wants it off the road. Lee to champion this situation.
- C. H.S. Loop Trail: All the paperwork has been submitted and we are just waiting to hear. Once we get the approval we will need to hire a contractor. We will have to work around the H.S. schedule.
- D. Farm Trail: Jim Roux is waiting for the material to finish the project.
- E. Road Striping on Marginal Way: Waiting for Matt Hill
- F. Beaver Deceiver: Brady reported that he reached out to Skip Lyle. He informed Brady that he was 6 to 8 weeks out with commitments. Brady said that he was told the same thing the last time they communicated.

5. New Business:

- A. Leap Project: Waiting for paperwork from DEP.
- B. Striping of Crosswalk: Lawrence to work on the paperwork.
- C. Memorandum of Understanding between the Trail Committee, the City, the involved Land Trusts and the Rhododendron Sanctuary: The

group discussed the memorandum that had been distributed to the committee members.

- D. Randy White Bike Trail: Lawrence met with Randy for a tour. Randy is trying to create an intermediate level trail. Maps were sent out. Randy's trail is well thought out and environmentally conscious. Kevin reported that all the land is on City property. Dave made a motion that was seconded by Sam to approve of the concept and authorize Randy to move forward with his proposed bike trail. Motion was unanimously approved.
- E. ATV Items:
 - 1) Matt Legett proposed to work on and grade from Deering Pond to Carpenters Crossing.
 - 2) He would like to widen the opening and move the post at the trail heads to accommodate the larger and wider ATVs - UTVs.
 - 3) He submitted a proposed bridge to possibly replace the existing Carpenters Crossing bridge.
 - 4) Brady suggested that the ATV Club grade the the sandy area before Carpenters Crossing and the sandy section from the bridge to Austins road and that the area would be flagged.
 - 5) Dave suggested that the Deering Pond area not be touched.
 - 6) Hazen recommends doing the 100 yards before the bridge.
- F. City Council Hearing on Oct. 25th: Because of the RAISE Grant, the City is looking for input on how to reallocate some of the money for roads. Lawrence to attend the meeting.
- G. By Laws Amendment: Motion by Hazen and seconded by Dollie to open the item for discussion. Motion passed unanimously. From the discussion there was a general consensus that a sitting member be dropped from the committee roster after missing three consecutive meetings with out informing the Chair, Vice Chair or Parks and Rec. director. The group was generally in favor of voting on the proposed amendment in 30 days. See attached proposal.

6. Next Meeting: November 21, 2022

7. Closing Remarks: With a meeting by the City Council to discuss the Rail Trail Report, Lawrence was looking for how to respond to the City Council if they want to know where the Trail Committee stands. There was a motion by Dave and seconded by Dollie that the following statement be read: "The Trail Committee believes that the current policy of the Rail Trail is leading to the degradation of this city resource

and is unsustainable. We ask the city to properly fund the repair and maintenance of it or change the policy.”

The vote on the motion was 5 in favor of the statement and 2 against. The motion was approved.

8. Adjournment: Motion by Thom and seconded by Hazen to adjourn. Unanimously approved.

Meeting ended at 9:07

Respectfully submitted by Thom Gagné, Secretary