

Sanford Trails Committee Meeting  
Monday November 21, 2022

Meeting began at 7:03

Members Present: Brady Lloyd, Thom Gagné, Lawrence Furbish, Sam Parady, Hazen Carpenter, Dollie Hutchins, Kevin McKeon, Jeff Wells

Guests: Diane Connolly, Colleen Adams SPD, Bruce

1. Approval of the October 17, 2022 minutes: With the correction of the spelling for Jeff Wells' name in the minutes. Motion by Hazen and seconded by Sam approve the minutes as amended. Unanimously approved.
2. Financial Report: Brady reported that we have \$26,411.49 in the Trail CIP account. We have \$5051.29 in the special account and \$4.75 for the Farm Walk. Brady tallied the finances already committed to various individuals and that came up to \$27,727. Lawrence, Hazen and Brady will meet to potentially create a new spread sheet to organize the Committee's financial obligations more clearly.
- 3: Colleen Adams - Sanford Police Dept.: Officer Adams specializes in mental health situations for the SPD. She and Officer Gordons' duties also extend to working with the unhoused community members and those experiencing substance abuse disorders. From her experience, most of the unhoused population lives relatively close to the downtown area. She stated that it is important not to further stigmatize people in vulnerable conditions. Unhoused people often need multiple types of social services and it is best not to approach anyone who has camped out on the trail, even if there is a lot of trash or a tent. She noted that she or Officer Gordon or the police should be contacted instead. A screenshot of GPS coordinates (a ping on Google Maps) is the best way to record and communicate to the police where there is a situation the trail. Brady Lloyd can also be notified if there is an issue in a park and he will coordinate a response. The sooner the Dept. knows about an encampment the better. Officer Adams often notifies people in advance that they need to move so there

may be some lag time before the tent is gone. Unhoused persons may reside on private property with the landowners permission.

Sharps and needles are occasionally found on the trails. If you feel comfortable disposing of sharps yourself, it is best with gloves, napkins or trash grabber and put it in a can or some sort of enclosed container. If you don't feel comfortable picking up discarded needles, you can notify Officer Adams. Her contact info to be distributed.

#### 4. Committee Reports:

A. Communication/Outreach - Katie was absent and thus no report.

B. Construction/Maintenance - Hazen:

- 1) Hanson Ridge Rd. to Carpenters Crossing - Hazen reported that the tree /brush removal needs to be completed.
- 2) School St. - Hazen reported that we need to have the fence moved. Stone Fencing to take care of that . Hazen to meet with STS to work out details for the trail realignment and improvement.
- 3) Stanley Rd. - The project was finished and the contractor paid \$1,760 which was under the \$2,000 allotted. Dollie stated that she saw a surveyor there to set boundaries for some brush work. Also, the post and beam sign has been moved and installed.
- 4) Stripping - Hazen was contacted by the stripping company and told that they would be doing it in the spring. Hazen suggested that we do just the Logo. We will need to determine what we want in the Spring.
- 5) Boardwalk - This is in need off some repair work. Hazen to set up a work crew.
- 6) Haven Cove - Hazen, Sam and Jeff will scope out the area and come up with some recommendations.
- 7) Beaver Deceiver - Skip Lyle came and repaired the damage done to the box. He will only be able to come later due to the weather/ time of year. He suggested that we keep the deceiver clear to keep the water level down until the extended intake pipe can be installed.

C. Volunteer Hours: Lawrence stated that there were 69 hours put in by committee member last month.

D. City relations - Sam gave us a brief rundown of what is happening downtown.

E. Trail Adoption/Volunteers - No report at this time

5. Old Business:

- A. School Street Project: See item #4. B. 2)
- B. Farm Trail: Still waiting for material to finish the project.
- C. H.S. Loop trail: At some point in Dec. we should have a meeting to determine the steps that will need to be followed.
- D. Road Stripping: See item #4. B. 4)
- E. Beaver Deceiver: See item#4. B. 7)
- F. MWS extension: Lawrence reported that the Sanford Sewer District is willing to consider our proposal to move the fence in towards the settling pond to provide a trail around it.

6. New Business:

- A. Stripping of three crosswalks - This will need to wait until the Spring. Need to coordinate with Matt Hill.
- B. Memorandum Of Understanding for the Rhododendron Preserve trail Project - It was reported that it is moving along.
- C. Randy White's Bike Path - He is planning to start on it once it dries up.
- D. ATV Items and City Council Meeting on Nov. 15 - Hazen reported that he was the only Trail Committee member to attend the meeting. Hazen praise the ATV Clubs efforts but the Rail Trail is beaten up and Hazen supported the City Council's decision to ban ATVs from the Rail Trail from Pleasant St. to the Lebanon line. As a result of that decision the Trail committee needs to do the following:
  - 1) We need to put up signs at all the gates that say no ATVs.
  - 2) Take down the speed limit signs.
  - 3) Need to grade the trail from Hansons Ridge to Carpenters Crossing where we are brushing it out. We should take pictures before we fix it. Then when it is fixed take pictures and then again in the Fall to demonstrate how it is holding up.
  - 4) Need to get the gates straightened, cleaned and new fluorescent stripping.
  - 5) Fix our signs.
  - 6) Get people involved with publicity to promote the trail.
  - 7) Dianne Connolly pointed out that the new Trail Policy Classifies Snowmobiles as motorized vehicles and thus the Council will need to reclassify them or refine the definition of what is allowed.
  - 8) Dollie emphasized that narrowing of the entrances will be critical to protecting the trail.

- E. By Laws Amendment: Hazen made a motion that was seconded by Sam to amend the By Laws as proposed (Article 3 Terms of Office). Unanimously approved.
  - F. Trail Maintenance Needed: Access to the Rail Trail through the McKeon Reserve where the Center Trail links to the Rail Trail needs attention. The trail has settled and needs to be raise. The culvert is currently plugged/damed by beavers. Approximately 45 yds. of material is needed. We will get a price and then conduct an email vote. Kevin and Hazen can work it out after the material is delivered.
7. Next Meeting: Monday Dec. 19.
8. Closing Remarks: Lawrence mentioned that Lee informed him that he (Lee) would be willing to mentor someone to be able to write grants for money for repairs that we need to do that exceeds our budget capacity.  
Any Takers?
9. Adjournment: Motion by Hazen and seconded by Brady to adjourn. Unanimously approved.

Meeting ended at 8:50

Respectfully submitted by Thom Gagné, Secretary