

Sanford Trail Committee Meeting
Monday December 19, 2022

Meeting began at 7:02

Members Present: Hazen Carpenter, Thom Gagné, Sam Parady, Dollie Hutchins, Lawrence Furbish, Dave Parent, Al Pollard, Brady Lloyd, Kevin McKeon

Guests: Dianne Connolly, Crystal ?, Lee Burnett, Andre Brousseau

1. Approval of the minutes from the November 21, 2022 meeting. Motion by Dave and seconded by Kevin to accept the minutes as presented. Unanimously approved.
2. Financial Report: See financial print out from Brady
3. Andre Brousseau: Andre, Manager of the Sanford Sewerage District, addressed the group to discuss the extension of the MWS across the Sewer district's property. He reported that the trustees of the district are in support of extending the MWS Trail to the Eastern Trail. They need to know where, exactly, the trail would go so that they know where to locate their solar project and new Administrative building. Relocating the fence closer to the settling pond is the #1 goal of the group. Dave suggested that the SSD needs to know where the trail will enter and exit to help the SSD understand what we are trying to do. It was suggested that we need to set up a walk around to determine where the trail will enter and exit.
4. Committee Reports:
 - A. Communication/Outreach: Katie - Katie was absent and there is no report at this time.
 - B. Construction/Maintenance: Hazen -
 - 1) Hazen reported that the tree clearing along the RT off of Hansons Ridge not yet finished.
 - 2) School Street Project: Hazen - Hazen reported that David Stone will be coming to move the fence next week.
 - 3) MWS Boardwalk: Lawrence reported that a crew went and repaired and replace what was need to be done and this project is finished.

- 4) Haven Cove: Hazen suggested that this should be our Spring project. The group agreed.
- 5) Rail Trail: Hazen - Hazen suggested that we focus on the Rail Trail from Hansons Ridge to Oak St. The trail is not in bad shape but suggested that we build its up with good gravel and crown it to demonstrate how good it can be. We should document the before and after appearance, then in the Fall we document it again to show how the trail holds up without motorized traffic.

Lawrence suggested that perhaps we can get the City to grade that section and then compact it with the city roller. Even if we hired City employees with overtime pay, the cost would still be less than hiring an outside contractor. Hazen suggested we talk to Matt Hill to see if the City is interested.

Lee suggested that we could show new non motorized uses for the Rail Trail such as gravel bike races, YMCA activities and others. Lee mentioned that there is a Deer Farm CX in Newfield that has gravel bike races in September. Could perhaps partner with them for events here.

- C. Volunteer Hours: Lawrence reported that there were 57 hours of volunteer service provided by committee members.
 - D. City Relations: Sam - Sam reported that the ATV Club is posting pictures on their website of the Rail Trail flooded before the ATV Club money was used to repair it. This is not accurate.
 - E. A suggestion was made to use a trail camera or trail counter to get more accurate numbers of trail users. No action was taken on this matter.
 - D. Trail Adoption: Lawrence - Lawrence stated that there was nothing to report at this time.
4. Old Business:
- A. School Street Project. As stated in item #4 B.1), waiting for Stoney to move the fence. The estimate by STS went up \$800.00 from the initial bid. It is still within our budget.
 - B. Middle School Bike Connector: Lee sent the original design specifications to the School Dept. No response yet.
 - C. High School Loop Trail: The pre-application meeting will happen soon. After that it will go to the Site Plan Review and then the Planning board.

- D. Farm Trail Project with Sno-Goers Club: Still waiting for the material that is need to finish the one section left to do.
- E. Road Striping: We need to wait until Spring to work on this.
- F. Beaver Deceiver: Brady reported that he got an invoice from Skip Lyle to repair the damage, travel expenses, lodging costs for \$1,400. The estimate to finish is \$2,200.
- G. McKeon Trail: Lawrence stated that this was an emergency expenditure. He filled out a work order for \$180.00. STS brought in some rocks. There is no invoice yet but we will need \$480.00 for fill. We also need a large culvert. Hazen stated that we may have to wait until Spring. The hope is that the temporary small culvert will do the job until then.

6. New Business:

- A. Emergency Expenditures: In light of the problem on the McKeon trail that needed immediate attention, Lawrence proposed that the Committee authorize the Chair, Vice Chair and Parks and Rec. Director to be allowed to expend up to a certain amount of funds to be spent on emergencies. There was a motion by Kevin and seconded by Dollie to authorize the Parks and Rec. Director, the Chair and Vice Chair to spend up to \$1,000.00 to address emergency situations. Unanimously approved.
- B. Leap Project: Still waiting to hear from DEP about the permit. Dave suggested that it be a Permit by Rule, which could expedite things, might be appropriate. Some discussion about this ensued but no action was taken at this time.
- C. Memorandum of Understanding: There are now three signatures to the Memorandum. Money pledged by the Trail Committee will most likely not be needed until next year. The surveyor is currently at work on the new trail.
- D. ATV item at the City Council Meeting: At its Dec. 20 meeting the City Council amended the new Rail Trail Policy to allow snowmobiles. The Snow-Goers Club has signs that specifying that snowmobiles are allowed. Hazen suggested a specific way to attach these wooden backed signs to the gate posts.
- E. Installation of Signs Following City Council Action: A work party needs to be set up to put up the Snowmobiles Allowed signs.
- F. Breton Ave. Trail Head Brush Cleaning and Fence: The homeowner on the right side of the trail head is complaining about dog waste in his yard. Parks and Rec. put up a "Curb Your Dog" sign but the

homeowner has stated that doesn't seem to have changed things. The homeowner asked that we put up additional fencing along the trail.

The homeowner on the right side of the trail head also offered to maintain the area near the bench if the Trail Committee cleans out the brush, sods, and seeds the area. No action was taken at this time.

G. MWN Kiosk on WOOD: Motion by Dave and seconded by Al to approve \$200.00 for the needed items for "Wood History of the Area" addition to the Kiosk. Unanimously approved.

This action codifies the approval given months prior but, of which there is no written record of approval of the action taken back then.

H. MWS Extension to Rt. 4: There was a suggestion made to have Sanford Cycle and the Trails Committee approach the City to offer money to purchase a recreational easement from the Brownings to complete the MWS extension to Rt. 4. No action was taken on this issue at this time.

I. 2022 Trail Committee Report: Lawrence stated that he is working on the report to the City Council. He is hoping to have it ready for January.

J. Nomination of Officers for 2023: Hazen volunteered to remain as Vice Chair, Lawrence volunteered to remain as Chair and Sam volunteered to be the secretary. Dave made motion that was seconded by Kevin to cease nominations and recommend that the Committee nominate the above candidates for their respective positions. Unanimously approved. Elections to be held at the January meeting.

7. Next Meeting : Next meeting will be held on January 23, 2023 due to the MLK holiday on the third Monday off the month.

8. Closing remarks: Lawrence thanked the outgoing secretary for his 10+ years of service in that position and his meticulous minutes and documentation of the Committee's work. There was consensus from the other Committee members.

9. Adjournment: Motion by Dollie and seconded by Hazen to adjourn. Unanimously approved.

Meeting ended at 8:23

Respectfully submitted by Thom Gagné, Secretary