

Sanford Trails Committee Meeting
Monday September 9, 2022

Meeting began at 7:01

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

Guest: Lee Burnett

1. Minutes: Motion by Al and seconded by Hazen to approve of the minutes from the August 15 minutes with the correction to item #2 to say Hanson Ridge Rd. Unanimously approved.
2. Financial report: After bills were paid there is a balance of \$30,795.23 in the Trails account. The Special Account has \$5,051.29. Brady reported that we sold one t-shirt last month. Brady reported that he picked up signs from Burpee and Hazen. reported that he picked up a sign for the Rail Trail.
3. Committee Reports:
 - A. Outreach: it was reported but Katie that we had 1,289 Fb followers, and 433 Instagram followers which is up from last time.
 - B. Construction/Maintenance:
 - 1). Hazen reported that Bull Pine cleaned up the downed trees from the Rail Trailing in one day for \$1,600. There was a motion by Sam and seconded by Dollie to appropriate \$1,600 to pay for the work. Unanimously approved.
 - 2). Matt Landry was contacted and gravel was delivered to the Armory area for trail repair.
 - 3). Stanley Rd. Clean up: Matt Landry stated that it would take between \$1,500 to \$2,000 to dress up the trail head. Hazen requested that we appropriate up to \$2,000 For this project. There was a motion by Al and seconded by Sam to approve up to \$2,000 for the Stanley Rd. Project. Unanimously approved.
 - 4). Striping for Marginal Way: Hazen got a quote of \$1,900 to do the painting we need done. There was a motion by Thom and seconded by Al to approve up to \$2,000 to stripe the Marginal Way, subject to approval by Matt Hill. Unanimously approved.
 - 5). Trail Head Cross walks on roads: Brady to ask Beth to find a way

to get these cross walks installed and approved.

- C. Volunteer Hours: Lawrence reported that there were 40 hrs. of volunteer service put in by Trail Committee members.
- D. City Relations: Sam gave a summary of what was going on.
- E. Trail Adoption and Volunteer Hours. As stated in item 3.C. there were 40 volunteer hours. There was also some discussion on the issue of liability for volunteers and the possibility of creating a waiver form. More discussion on this topic is needed.

4. Old Business:

- A. School Street Project: This is still in the works. Need to solve a water main issue as well as underground utilities.
- B. Middle School Bike Path Connector: It was reported that the Superintendent of Schools is in favor of the project but that it needs to be relocated. The stake holders need to discuss the possible rerouting.
- C. High School Loop Trail: This project is in the Shore Land Zoning Application process. Once the permitting is complete, the project is ready to go.
- D. Farm Trail: Lawrence reported that Jim Roux from the Snowgoers were to put in the needed culvert yesterday (9/18/22).
- E. Prior Property Owners Agreements: Lawrence reported that he and Brady located the file containing the agreements. It is now located in the Parks and Recs. office. It was noted that some agreements were still in effect but, that most were short term and some are expired. It is Lawrence's belief not to try and reactivate them unless a problem arises. Most expired between 2016 and 2018 and we have not had issues. Kevin mentioned that the State allows people to traverse land unless it is posted.
- F. Road Striping: See item 3. B. #4 above.
- G. Beaver Deceiver: Still on Skip Lyles agenda but, no action yet.

5. New Business:

- A. Leap Project: We need to get a DEP Permit by rule. Hazen made a motion that was seconded by Sam to pay the DEP fee to get the permit. Unanimously approved but the amount to be determined by the DEP.
- B. Striping of Cross walk that connect trails across City streets: Lawrence and Brady to fill out the needed applications. Also see item 3.B.#5 above.

C. Memorandum of Understanding: A Memorandum of Understanding between Three Rivers Land Trust, Sanford Trails Committee and Native Plant Trust with regards to the construction and maintenance of a trail connecting the Sanford Community Forest and the Harvey Butler Rhododendron Sanctuary in Sanford, Me. was presented for review by the Committee.

Sam made a motion that was seconded by Thom, that subsequent to the City Council approval, the Three Rivers approval and the Native Trust approval, that the Committee appropriate up to \$4,167 for our local match for the grant being applied for. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Randy White's Bike Path: No new information at this time. Lee stated that the Fast and Happy Wheels group had put in a mountain bike trail in that area about 5-10 years ago.

E. Dianne Connolly's Concern: She reported to the police advisory council. That there were needles showing up on our trails. Dollie reported finding needles at the Geo Caches at Gateway Park and at the end of Pioneer Ave. where the MWS Bike /Ped. Trail begins. Sam reported seeing individual needles at different locations along the trails. Lawrence stated that he has seen very little if any needles on the trails. It was decided that this is not a large scale issue that needs to be addressed at this time.

F. Lawrence's Memo: Lawrence sent out an email with an attachment of the Maine Trails document. He noted that on P. 10 of the document, a map of the Eastern Trail was shown and it included a trail link (Sanford Spur) to Sanford.

G. Lee presented information that a piece of the recent \$25 million Grant to Sanford that was announced recently will be used for the Mousam Promenade that would tie in well with the Trail Committee's Master Plan. Lee suggested that the Committee maximize this opportunity by developing plans that sync with our Master Plan.

6. Next Meeting: October 17, 2022

7. Closing Remarks: None at this time

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

Meeting ended at 8:35

Respectfully submitted by Thom Gagné, Secretary