

Sanford Trail Committee Zoom Meeting
Monday, December 20, 2021

Meeting began at 7:03

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

Phone Guest: Diane Connolly

1. Introduction of the new Parks and Recs. Director, Brady Llyod: Brady introduced himself and gave us a little background info. The Committee welcomed him and expressed its optimism of working together.
2. Approval of the minutes from the November 15, 2021 meeting: Motion by Lawrence and seconded by Dollie to approve the minutes as presented. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Financial Report: We currently have \$20,791.29 in our regular account and \$5,143.79 in our special account. See attached.
4. Committee Reports:
 - A. Communications: Katie reported that Social Media engagement is up. She mentioned the T-shirts and posted a picture of her modeling the shirt to promote it.
 - B. Signage: Hazen reported that we began this phase of the trails in 2016. We now have all the maps and signs we wanted installed. The final leg was putting up the in-town connector signs, which was completed on Dec. 15. Hazen reported that the sign subcommittee's goals are officially finished. Hazen stated that he is resigning as the Signage Subcommittee chairman. Katie to post a summary of what the subcommittee did.
 - C. Construction: There was nothing to report today.
 - D. Volunteer Hours: Steve reported that there were 21.5 hours of volunteer service in Nov. and 30.5 hours in Dec. The total of volunteer hours put in by the Trail Committee for then year 2021 was a grand total of 780 hours. As stated in Stephen Mallon's volunteer

report, he is no longer on the Trail Committee. We will be looking for a replacement to carry on the volunteer hours coalition and reporting.

5. Old Business:

A. Report on Eagle Scout project at Breton Ave. and Rail Trail.

For the Breton Ave., Brian and the PW crew put in the curbing and the project was finished with Caleb Jones and his crew putting in a total of 82 hours into it. Caleb showed pictures from the conception to completion.

Will Kiley was not available to present his project but will do so next month.

B. In-town Connector: See 4. B. above. The work crew put up 30 MW signs going in both directions.

C. School St. Project: The Committee has invested \$3,323 into this project. It is too late in the year to finish at this time. If we want to, we can make the decision next Spring. We have an approval of the project but it will expire if we don't act. Dave felt that we should do it as a start and with time we can get the project to where we envisioned it.

D. Beaver Deceiver: There was nothing to report at this time.

E. Committee By Laws and Members:

Current Committee members are:

Al Alexander, Dave Parent, Al Pollard, Kevin McKeon, Lawrence Furbish, Dollie Hutchins, Hazen Carpenter, Katie Menende, Thom Gagné, Stephen Mallon (to end his term at the end of the month).

By Laws:

Our By Laws need to change to allow having the election of officers from Dec. to Jan. This would allow newly appointed members the opportunity to vote. Lawrence to write up the proposal to allow this change.

6. New Business:

A. Nomination of officers for 2022:

Al Pollard nominated Hazen for Chairman, but Hazen declined after being the chair for 32 years. Dollie nominated Kevin, but he declined because of his expanding commitments in other areas would not allow him to be able to attend all the meetings. He also said that he would step back from the Vice Chairman duties as well. David nominated Lawrence as Chairman and Hazen as Vice Chairman and Thom as Secretary. Dollie moved and it was seconded by Kevin for

nominations to cease. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Projected Projects: The following are a list of projects that are in the planning stage.

- School St.
- Stanley Rd.
- MWS to Rt. 4
- Bridge replacements where needed

C. MWS Bike/Ped. path to the proposed loop around the H.S. There has been no action on the proposed grant at this time.

Hazen reported that the Mousam Way Land Trust reported to him that a group of students want to put in a trail across the MW Land Trust from the utility easement (sewer line) to Alumni Rd. Hazen offered to contact the teacher in charge and offer help and/or money. Kevin will represent the MW Land Trust.

D. Request for McKeon Reserve Land Trust Signs on the Rail Trail: Motion by Lawrence and seconded by Dollie to approve Kevin's request to put McKeon Reserve entrance signs on the Rail Trail at the appropriate locations. Unanimously approved.

E. Year-End Maintenance Report:

See the attached email that Hazen sent out. In addition to his disappointments about the past year he lists the areas that will need maintenance. Projected costs are listed below.

- General trail maintenance: \$5,000
- School St. to finish project: \$14,000 with potential of \$6,000 from Kiwanis Club MW account.
- Stanley Rd.: \$4,000
- Stanley Rd. to the Leap: \$16,000
- Repair to Leap bridge: \$2,000
- New aluminum bridge across the river at Stanley Rd.: \$32,000

7.. Proposed Meeting date for January and February 2022:

Jan. 24 due to the MKL Holiday

Feb. 28 due to Presidents Day

8. Closing Remarks: Merry Christmas to all

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

Meeting ended at 8:30

Respectfully submitted by Thom Gagné, Secretary