

Trails Committee Minutes 5/16/2022

Call to order at 7:05pm

In attendance was Lawrence Furbish, Dave Parent, Hazen Carpenter, Sam Parody, Brady Lloyd, Dollie Hutchins, Kevin McKeon, Lee Burnett, Katie Menede-Hall, Erik DeWeever (Sanford ATV Club)

The April 25th minutes were approved, moved by Hazen and seconded by Sam – all were in favor.

The financial report was presented by Brady. There is \$13,873.84 remaining in the Trails CIP account. As the school street project gets underway, we are committed to around \$6,600 towards that project. There is \$5,203.79 remaining in the Trails Special Revenue Account. \$277.22 is for the 2022 farm walk. Brady explained the work order request form which must be filled out for work done on trails and for the farm walk to be able have access to this money.

Brady then explained that he signed a work order request form from the ATV Club for work to be done from Pleasant Street to Witham Street – gravel graded and then reclaimed asphalt spread over the top. There was also a request for fixing the wash out area across the street from Sherwin Williams and to grade the Rail Trail from Main Street to Carpenter's Crossing. This sparked discussion of how the ATV Club should not have done that, how the Trails Committee was not aware of this work. Lawrence stated that since the passing of the Rail Trail Policy, the Parks and Rec Department has complete oversight of the trail. Some members were not happy with this work that was done. Brady apologized. There was an idea to roll what had been graded to compact the material that was pulled from the edges to the center of the trail. The ATV club offered to help in collaboration with future projects with the Trails Committee.

Committee Reports:

Communications/Outreach: Katie gave an update on the social media numbers. The Facebook page has 1908 likes and Instagram has 391 followers. Dollie was the "Meet the Trails Committee" post.

Construction/Maintenance: Hazen reported on the crosswalk project in Springvale, the material was provided by Genest. The School Street Project had a quote of \$12,500 from S.T.S. that has been accepted. Public Works is installing the culvert as part of a training for their department which cut the cost almost in half from the original quote. Trail work by the Dog Park is scheduled for Saturday, May 21st at 7:30am. Volunteers are needed and Lawrence will be sending an email out to the volunteer list. The bridge repair by the Leap should happen towards the end of the Summer when the water is lower.

Volunteer Hours: Lawrence reported that there were 117 volunteer hours during the month of April.

City Relations: Sam reported that Kristen Cyr of Cycle Sanford gave a presentation to the Property Subcommittee on May 10th regarding a bicycle "pump track." Locations were discussed and they are moving forward with the background of the project to report back in the Fall. On May 5th a report came out that there have been PFA's found in the Mousam River below Number One Pond heading into Estes Lake. No more than 3 fish should be consumed over the span of a year.

Trail Adoption/Volunteers: Sections of trail were discussed for people to clean up/adopt. The new high school trail, start at the Breton Ave area. The Peninsula by the YMCA. Mousam Way Park by the Springvale Housing Authority.

Old Business:

Middle School Bike Path Connector: Project by DPW – start date sometime this summer.

2022-2023 Budget Request: The City Council provided \$20,000 to the Trails Committee, but cut \$39,000 for grading between Witham and Pleasant Street and a pressure treated fence from Witham Street to the Trail Head along the tree line.

Mousam Way Loop: Update on the RPT Grant. The letter was received by MHPC and accepted that no prehistoric material will be affected during this project.

Historic Signs: some need new pictures. Central Park needs new posts and a new sign at Mousam Way Park. Hazen believes this will cost around \$150. Motion by Sam to accept the project and seconded by Dave – all were in favor. The ATV representative reported that they put reflectors on posts/signage along the trails.

Bike Fest/Trails Day/3rd of July: Volunteers are needed for the Bike Fest on June 4th – parking vehicles and by some street crossings. There will be food at Gateway Park, vintage bikes at the High School, bike jam at the YMCA. July 3rd at the block party, the TC would like to have a table promoting the trails and selling t-shirts. They voted to participate, Hazen made the motion and Dollie seconded.

New Business:

The committee talked about a plan of the projects they would like to do next year. Hazen gave an update of where we are and projected costs. The bridge at the Leap will cost roughly \$600. Beaver deceiver will cost \$2,800, police detail roughly \$300 and the School Street project \$12,500. It was mentioned to ask about project canopy money. Dollie suggested that the illegal cutting money could be used to help fund by the Leap and Marginal Way striping – Sam agreed. Dave asked if the City would stripe Marginal Way and maintain in the future.

The group voted on the projects in order:

- Improve signage on Mousam Way – All in Favor – Sam mentioned to de-graffiti some of the area
- Mousam Way North Leap Trail & Bridge – Dollie made a motion to explore with DEP if this project is possible and Dave seconded, all in favor
 - DEP needs to be contacted by Brady to explore the possibilities
- Rail Trail Improvements – Skipped
- Farm Trail w/ Snowmobile Club – All in Favor – was mentioned how \$2,500 seems like a low estimate
- Haven Cove improvements – skipped
- Trail Striping on Marginal Way – All in Favor – Dave asked about City maintenance of this afterwards
- Stanley Road Leap Parking Area – All in Favor
- High School to Route 4 – Skipped – need to talk with landowners to see if it is possible

- Trail from Community Forest to Rhododendron Reserve – Talk about future logistics, potentially split the \$4,167 between FY22/23 and FY23/24. Need to find out if the Trails Committee can spend money for a trail that may not be on City owned property.
- Paving from WOE Drive to Middle School Drive – asked if City could incorporate it into part of the Mousam Way Promenade project.

Meeting time was discussed to potentially start earlier and the majority of the group like the 7pm start time. Dave mentioned that maybe we put a time limit going forward. Brady and Dave agreed that 9:00pm-9:30pm ends times are too late.

Lawrence asked if anyone was able to attend the ATV Club meeting at Holdsworth Park on Wednesday 5/19/22.

The committee talked about in person/hybrid/remote meetings. As of now we are still remote per City Council. If the meeting goes hybrid, we may need an “owl” video machine for those who are on computers.

Dave made a motion to adjourn, everyone seconded. Meeting ended at 9:20pm.

We never decided on meeting date due to the new Holiday of Juneteenth falling on the 3rd Monday of June.

Respectfully submitted by Brady Lloyd.