

Sanford Trails Committee
Monday June 17, 2024

Members Present: Lawrence Furbish, Dollie Hutchins, Brady Lloyd, Shalimar DeBusk, Dereck Bourque, Eric St. Onge, David Parent, Hazen Carpenter, Thom Gagne, Melanie Taylor Coombs, Sam Parady

Meeting began at 7:03

Dollie mentioned there have already been 10 visitors to the Harlan Eastman memorial geocache.

1) Approval of the minutes from the May 20, 2024 meeting. Sam noted the prior vote by the committee to invest three increments towards the Rail Trail and asked for clarification regarding the total CIP funds to be spent in the next fiscal year: \$9,900 as recorded or \$14,700. The committee confirmed \$14,700. Motion by Lawrence and seconded by Hazen to approve the minutes as amended. Unanimously approved.

2) Financial Report - Brady: CIP balance is \$6,512.35. \$1,700 is encumbered to Bull Pine for log chipping along the RT. Special reserve account is \$6,356.29 plus \$15,000 encumbered for the Rail Trail.

3) Committee Reports:

- A. Construction/Maintenance - Hazen: (i) Bull Pine will chip logs along the Rail Trail next week. S.T.S. will be ready to gravel and grade after that. (ii) The committee discussed and confirmed that gate modifications along the RT should be installed (iii) Carpenter's Crossing materials are ready to order. A work party is needed. Dereck volunteered. Great Bay Community Services was mentioned as a possible collaboration. (iv) The committee could contract out the Hanson Ridge Rd fence repair to Stone Fencing.
- B. Volunteer Hours: 40.5 hours since last meeting.

4) Old Business:

- A. Crosswalks: Lawrence spoke with Matt Hill about crosswalks along Oak and Hanson Ridge roads. The latter crossing will be more complex than originally thought and might require changes to the parking area. Possible ways to slow traffic were discussed, including large signs 400 feet up the hill or extra wide painted stripes.

5) New Business:

- A. Rt 4 Bridge: Powers Bridge and underpass is now a project involving state and federal rules and grants. There are strict procedures concerning the acquisition of recreational easements involving such projects, therefore until the bridge is fully complete it is imperative not to communicate with nearby landowners about nearby city trails.
- B. Maps: Only ~350 Sanford Trails maps are left. Dereck suggested printing another 2000 and Hazen encouraged a subcommittee to update the maps with new photos. Dollie and

Dereck expressed interest. Dave said staged photographs of people doing activities can be effective. Melanie mentioned QR codes and a possible hike with a social media influencer later in the season.

- C. 3rd of July Block Party: Volunteers let Brady know by 6/27
- D. Trails Shirts: Lawrence to re-order 6 x each size. Sweatshirts?
- E. Park Name: Possible names for the Rail Trail park were listed and compared. There was common consensus among committee members in favor of Rail Trail Greenway. Motion by Sam and seconded by Dereck to designate Rail Trail Greenway as the committee's official choice for the trail. Unanimously approved.

6) Adjournment: Motion by Hazen and seconded by Sam. Unanimously approved.

Meeting ended at 8:19

Respectfully submitted by Sam Parady, Secretary.