

Sanford Trails Committee
Monday July 17, 2023

Members Present: Al Pollard, Lawrence Furbish, Dollie Hutchins, Brady Lloyd, Kevin McKeon, Katie Mandende-Hall, Thom Gagne, Hazen Carpenter, Sam Parady

Guests: Monica McKenna, Lee Burnett

Dave Parent had an excused absence.

Meeting began at 7:02

1) Approval of the Minutes from the June 26, 2023 meeting. One change, Hazen specified \$5,880 was the exact contribution from Kiwanis to Mousam Way South. Lawrence mentioned being reminded to contact S.D.S. about gravel for the Rail Trail after reading the last meeting minutes. Motion by Dollie and seconded by Kevin to accept the minutes as amended. Unanimously approved. Katie and Thom abstained.

2) Financial Report - Brady: CIP balance is \$39,742.18. The newly deposited annual budget of \$25,000 plus \$14,742.18 carried over from last year comprises the total. Special revenue account is \$7,151.29 due to an increase from the H.M. Payson Trust for work on the trailhead kiosk near William Oscar Emery Dr organized by Lee. Marginal Way striping has not been billed. Current obligations total \$18,707 which makes \$21,035 available for new spending.

3) Committee Reports:

- A. Communications - Katie: 2,107 likes on Facebook and 512 Instagram followers. Jan Santerre was contacted for a copy of the Maine champion tree certificate for the American Sweetgum along Number One Pond so that a plaque can be made. Sanford Trails was also voted Best Outdoor Activity In Town by the 2023 B.O.S.S. Awards.
- B. Construction/Maintenance - Hazen: (i) Marginal Way striping has been done. (ii) Hopefully the Stanley Rd parking lot will be in stable condition after the CMP work is complete. (iii) The Farm Trail has been mowed but areas of the path are washed out. Hazen can haul and grade the fill material but needs 10-12 yards of gravel from the city. Suggestions were made about coordinating with DPW. (iv) Haven Cove- no developments. (v) No change regarding crosswalks on Oak St; the city budget for pedestrian crossings has been maxed out until next year. The increased amount of runoff near Oak St was also discussed. Dollie suggested writing a document outlining the issue and taking pictures of the problem so it may be presented to the municipal administration. (vi) Lawrence highlighted increased erosion along the Vigue Trail and Monica agreed it's deteriorated in certain areas. Material would need to be brought in through the Deering Neighborhood Rd gate.
- C. Volunteer hours: 34 for June
- D. City Relations - Sam: No discussions of trails noted in recent city council meetings. Lawrence wrote two pertinent articles in the Sanford Springvale News. One article

discussed the developments and history of the Morin Preserve and the other focused on bicycles and cycling.

Lee highlighted the Springvale Farm Walk taking place over two days this year. The itinerary includes 3 mini events, Frannie's donuts, a dog walk and a 5K fun run through McDougal orchards. Dollie said she may do a geocache challenge as a part of the walk next year.

4) Old Business:

- A. Kaz's Fine Lines will be paid \$1,995 for road striping on Marginal Way
- B. High School Loop: Brady is hopeful for a new bid by August 1st so City Council can award the project to a local firm. No additional bids have been received since the last meeting. Matt Landry, S.D.S. and Charlie Plant & Sons are slated to be contacted about their interest in the project.
- C. No new developments for the brush clearing and fence work at the Breton Ave trailhead.
- D. School St: The committee reviewed Dollie's illustration of the culvert and parking lot. Dollie concluded the location of the parking lot leaves ample room for bikes and was a necessity based on numerous factors. She suggested two or four bollards to border the culvert if boulders or fences won't do.
- E. Beaver Deceiver: Lawrence explained he has been unable to reach Skip Lisle regarding the functionality of the Deering Pond drainage system in addition to questions about the last invoice. It might be best to look for someone local like Fish & Wildlife to evaluate the situation. A fresh set of eyes could help to get the project crossed off the list. Lawrence noticed some tire marks near the Beaver Deceiver and Hazen indicated he had done some work near there to redirect water towards the western channel of the pond. Hazen is concerned about the changing outflow pattern and the small culvert which directs water beneath and to the other side of the Rail Trail. Lawrence said it would be best not to alter the existing structure until an independent evaluation of the situation.

5) New Business:

- A. Maintenance List (Kiwaniis Mousam Way/ Breton Ave/ William Oscar Emery/ Pioneer Ave etc): The committee discussed hiring an outside company to complete some of the existing maintenance tasks. Coordinating volunteer labor is a challenge for some of the larger projects. For example, Hazen said spreading gravel and removing downed trees can be done with relatively few volunteers vs. cutting back the entrance to Kiwanis Mousam Way would take much more effort. Brady will advocate for additional CIP funds in the future to help complete the maintenance list and explained projects over \$10,000 must be put out to bid. It was decided to spread gravel near Spartan Dr with volunteers on July 21st at 10am.
- B. Rail Trail Abutters: Kevin highlighted the importance of establishing clear policies about abutting landowners' access to the Rail Trail. One issue is the number of informal trails which connect to the RT over city property. Another issue is private landowners who have erected fences on what is actually Sanford property. The city owns at least 25 feet on either side of the trail. Clear boundaries must be established for the new Rail Road Park. Dollie noted old stone walls mark the property line in certain areas and asked if the

bootleg trails were counted for new signs about non-motorized use; Brady said they were and indicated the park will need different rules to address hunting and other issues. Al suggested starting with the Parks and Rec rules as a base for the official trail. Hazen said Payeur Steel Fabricators on Rt. 4 might be able to make or design new gates for the park.

6) Adjournment: Motion by Thom and seconded by Al to adjourn. Unanimously approved.

Meeting ended at 8:29

Respectfully submitted by Sam Parady, Secretary