

Sanford Trails Committee
Monday October 21, 2024

Members Present: Hazen Carpenter, Eric St. Onge, Katie Manande Hall, Melanie Taylor Coombs, Brady Lloyd, Dereck Bourque, Dollie Hutchins, Sam Parady

Lawrence Furbish had an excused absence.

Guest: Lee Burnett

Meeting began at 7:05

1) Approval of the minutes from the September 16, 2024 meeting. Motion by Dereck and seconded by Sam to approve the minutes as presented. Unanimously approved.

2) Financial Report - Brady: After a small expense to Springvale Lumber for paint, the CIP account totals \$12,646.22. Special revenue account is \$6,856.29 with a hair under ten thousand dollars encumbered to S.T.S. for the Rail Trail.

3) Committee Reports:

- A. Communication/Outreach: Melanie led a guided walk but has been unable to log on social media due to technical barriers. Katie is helping coordinate FB/Insta posts and other administrative tasks.
- B. City Relations: There was a large city response to a social media post about trail safety at Mousam Way by Emery St.
- C. Construction/Maintenance - Hazen: (i) A new sign is needed by the High School after one has fallen over from the wind. Hoping to relocate to close by the roadway leading to the entrance of the school for increased visibility. Brady to check with the athletic department about moving the sign and adding another by the entrance closer to the tennis court. (ii) Stone Fencing repaired the fence by Hanson Ridge Rail Trail entrance today. (iii) Painting all the RT gates will be quite the project (iv) Historic signs signs about a school and post office are missing from School St. (it is possible one is at the city garage). The Railroad Ave entrance ought to have a sign about the old train station and the Goodall mansion sign fell over. (v) Brian from Parks and Rec repaired the Mousam Way North sign by the Springvale Riverside cemetery. (vi) Dereck spray painted a gate by the YMCA and reported a spray painted sign post nearby (vii) The wooden Springvale Mousam Way Park sign has been refurbished and needs to be painted. Hazen is calling for an artistic volunteer to color the sign lettering. (viii) Mousam Way South boardwalk needs repair, many boards to be replaced. Work party required. (ix) Coordinate to improve the appearance of Rail Trail signs. Additional signage regarding E bike speed limits and Rail Trail Greenway official park signs were discussed. More can be done after the city officially adopts park ordinances.
- D. Volunteer hours: 70 hours since last meeting

4) Old Business:

- A. Carpenter's Crossing bridge has been bolstered with additional boards with help from the Snowmobile club. Monica's horse had no apprehension crossing the bridge unlike before. Lee pointed out that parallel boards to the RT are not good for bikes.
- B. A game camera for the Rail Trail was discussed, Katie taking lead on the issue
- C. Crosswalks: Matt Hill working with ME DOT to find out what kind of crossings we can install along Hanson Ridge, Oak and Main St.
- D. Reach out to Brady for new maps

5) New Business:

- A. A Sanford resident reached out about donating a Rainbow Bridge honoring passed pets. A location in close proximity to the Dog Park seems most ideal. No firm decision made and enthusiasm was mixed.
- B. The committee discussed the need for a small group to review the current Trails Master Plan and update it to reflect the many changes.
- C. Hazen discussed the need for an easement from Sherwin Williams or an agreement with Yorkshire Commons to create a Rail Trail connecting trail.
- D. Lee mentioned a possible meeting in January/February with 3 Rivers Land Trust/ Mousam Way Land Trust about recognizing volunteerism.
- E. Brady highlighted a proposal from Great Bay Community Services to install duck houses/owl boxes. No locations in mind but open to suggestions. The committee reacted warmly to the idea.
- F. Sam mentioned a future project could be repaving the trail by Mill St to the pond. During the summer many people fish along the shore each day.

6) Adjournment: Motion by Sam and seconded by Melanie to adjourn. Unanimously approved.

Meeting ended at 8:29

Respectfully submitted by Sam Parady, Secretary