

Sanford Trails Committee  
Monday 16 December 2024

Members Present: Dollie Hutchins, Al Pollard, Lawrence Furbish, Katie Manende Hall, Melanie Taylor Coombs, Dave Parent, Hazen Carpenter, Dereck Bourque, Sam Parady

Meeting began at 7:05

1) Approval of the minutes from the November 18, 2024 meeting. Motion by Dollie and seconded by Dereck to approve the minutes as presented. Unanimously approved.

2) Financial Report - Lawrence: The CIP account totals \$9,354.43. \$2,500 had been deducted for the Farm Trail and paid to the snowmobile club. The special revenue account totals \$7,716.29 plus \$5,014 encumbered for the Rail Trail.

3) Committee Reports:

- A. Communication/Outreach: Pictures of the trail will be helpful for the annual report to the City Council. Dollie suggested reaching out to Marc Desvaux, Jesse Phillips, and Terry Jillison for they have all shared great photos of Sanford trails and outdoor scenery on public forums online.
- B. Construction/Maintenance - Hazen: (i) New boards are available for Carpenter's Crossing. They will be helpful for bicycles to pass smoothly over the bridge. (ii) Mousam Way South boardwalk near Emery St cannot be fully repaired over the winter. Some central boards could be replaced in cold temperatures. (iii) Permission has been granted to move the trail signs closer to the main road at the High School Loop. Matt Landry can install the cement base. (iv) Sign committee- still planning to get together and survey trail entrances for changes and improvements to signage. (v) Bull Pine: no change/update. They will eventually clear downed trees from Hanson Ridge to Oak Street. (vi) Snowmobile trail: the Sno Goers have requested permission from MWLT to cross from the Rail Trail over McKeon Reserve to the Rivard/Carpenter properties and the Farm Trail. This would create a new loop but there are many questions regarding land agreements.
- C. Volunteer hours: 38 hours since last meeting

4) Old Business:

- A. The High School Loop grant is complete/done. The finalized grant will provide reimbursement to the city. Now future R.T.P. grants may be applied for.
- B. Crosswalk and gate painting will have to wait until Spring.
- C. Meet in person at City Hall to discuss changes to Sanford's Trails Master Plan either on 6 January or 13 January.
- D. Dinosaur tracks: Dave explained the Arts Commission is not the ideal group to locate somebody to lead an artistic project such as the dinosaur or moose/animal tracks near the YMCA.

5.) New Business:

- A. Election of officers- Lawrence Furbish, Hazen Carpenter and Sam Parady are respectively the slate for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary of the committee. The vote will take place in January.
- B. Discussion concerning reporting dirtbikes to the police took place. There was confusion after an individual was told dispatch does not respond to off road incidents related to unauthorized motorized vehicles on the trails. Officer Everett Allen phone number 324-9170 ex 324 and dispatch at 324-3644 should be effective ways to report such situations.
- C. Great Bay Community Services wants to donate Duck Boxes for the Trails. Sanford Springvale Fish and Game, MWLT could advise the best locations. The exact number of boxes is unclear. Deering Pond, High School Loop and Mousam Way South were discussed as good places for the wood ducks.

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

Meeting ended at 7:55

Respectfully submitted by Sam Parady, Secretary