

Zoom Trail Committee Meeting
Monday April 20, 2020

Meeting began at 6:12

Members Present: Lee Burnette, Thom Gagné, Al Pollard, Kevin Mckeon,
By audio only, Dollie Hutchinson, Hazen Carpenter

1. Approval of the Feb. 24, 2020 meeting: Motion by Kevin and seconded by Al to table action on this item. Unanimously approved.
2. Volunteer Hours: Lee to send an email for members to log their hours and then forward on.
3. Treasurers Report: Lee read the report submitted by Alan Grady. He reported that we had \$8,188.17 left in the budget. This is half of this years budget.
4. Committee Reports:
 - a) Communications/Outreach - Katie: Lee read her report which stated that the social media accounts is doing well. We are increasing our share by viewers. She will post an Earth Day message encouraging trail users to pick trash along the trails.
 - b) Signs - Hazen: Hazen reported that he has a lot of signs needed for the Gowens Park area. The plan is to add location numbers on. The confidence markers for emergencies. Hazen started that we needed 78 small signs at \$10 each for a total of \$780.00. Lee asked members to review the map attached to the various links and take notes and report at the next Zoom meeting.
 - c) Construction/Maintenance: Kevin reported on the beaver situation and how members are cleaning on a rotating basis. At the last meeting, the group earmarked \$3,000.00 of Trail Committee money as a municipal match to the ATV grant that is being applied for. The Committee got an estimate from Randy Baldwin at \$5K to build up the RR bed from Deering Pond to Hansons Ridge, about a 1/4 mile. Skip Lyle provided a \$2,900.00 estimate for the "Beaver Deceiver" to be installed at the problem culverts. In the meantime, the Trail Committee will help clean out the culverts on Thursdays. Lee to approach other trail user groups to help clean the culverts on Sunday, Monday or Tuesday.

- d) Volunteers: Lee reported that Rick heard from the Day of Caring / United Way that the Day of Caring has been postponed with a date to be determined. Projects need appropriate social distancing.
- e) Landowner Relations: Hazen wants to set up a meeting with David Genest to come up with a new 5 year agreement and what we can do improve the situation on his property that will benefit all.

5. Old Business:

- a) Municipal ATV Grant for Deering Pond: Lee stated that we need to get a municipal official to sign off on the proposed project. The Grant is due by the end of April. The ATV Club is in charge. See 4.c) above.
- b) Lee reported that we got the first version of the map update from Steve Engle. Lee asked that all the members look at the map a prepare for a meeting with Steve the following week at a time and date to be determined.
- c) Event Rescheduling: Farm Walk is still on at this point. We will take guidance from the State since it is part of the State wide Farm Day. We may need to modify to make safety guidelines. The shuttle situation will be the most challenging.
The Bike Fest is not happening on June 6th. Lee informed the group that the bike community would be interested in a late August date.
- d) Weed Eradication update: Lee informed the group that Eric Grove is ready to go do the eradication. However, Matt Hill is against using Round Up on PW property. Need an alternative. Kevin suggested to keep cutting it back and it will eventually die. Another option is to burn it or rake it. The issue along the PW fence. Kevin stated that we should manage an invasive plant instead of trying to eradicate it. Al Pollard mentioned that Bud Johnston said that using boron for weed control. Al to contact Bud.
Lee also mentioned that weeds at the various gates are an issue as well. The group discussed having the weeds eradicated at the gates. Motion by Hazen and seconded by Thom to have Eric Grove spray the weeds at the gates. Unanimously approved.
Hazen to talk to Matt Hill about using Round Up.

6. New Business:

- a) Trail Clean Up: See item 4.a) above

b). Boothby Ave. Update: Lee presented an update about how the PW put in 40 yds. of boulders to block access from Boothby Ave. Access is available for pedestrians and bicyclist. Alan ordered a gate for the Normand Ave. entrance.
Motion by Thom and seconded by Kevin to authorize Lee and Hazen to work with Alan to come up with an alternative solution to a gate on Normand Ave. and to modify the gate at Blouin Field.
Unanimously approved.

7. Other: Thom mentioned how the wooden barricade across the paved path closest to the Armory at the WOE Drive Park should be removed to allow access to the paved path. Lee to speak to Alan about the situation.

8. Next Meeting: May 18, 2020

9. Adjournment: Motion by Al and seconded by Kevin to adjourn.
Unanimously approved.

Meeting ended at 8:23

Respectfully submitted by Thom Gagné, Secretary