

Sanford Trails Committee Meeting
Monday December 16, 2019

Meeting began at 6:03

Members Present: Lee Burnette, Dollie Hutchins, Alan Grady, Hazen Carpenter, Kevin McKeon, Rick Tockman, Thom Gagné, Don Roux, Al Pollard

Guest: Peter Smith of PW

1. Approval of minutes from the November 18th meeting. Motion by Dollie and 2nd by Hazen to approve the minutes as read. Unanimously approved.
2. Volunteer Hours: As sheet was passed around to document volunteer hours by Trail Committee members.
3. Treasurers Report: Alan reported that we have not spent any of our funds and still have the logging penalty fund available.
4. Committee Reports:
 - a) Communications/outreach: Kevin agreed to be the coordinator.
 - b) Construction/Maintenance:
 1. Hazen reported that we are in pretty good shape with the beavers at Deering Pond but we still need to raise the rail bed.
 2. MWS loop trail: Hazen reported that STS provided a quote of \$8,965 to grub out an 8' +/- trail and place gravel from the footbridge to the sewer line and the MW Pedestrian Bike Trail. This would eliminate the problematic original loop trail section. Still need to get permission from Genest and Frechette. Discussed the homeless encampments. We also need to get more quotes.
 3. Granite Posts were delivered to Craig Mcleod. Hazen brought the logo to him so he can make the necessary template
 4. Fram Trail: Hazen reported that he had spoken to Robinson and David White about an access agreement across their properties to create the 5 kilometer loop Farm Trail
 - c) Volunteers: Rick reported that we need a fairly well written/detailed proposal for the Day of Caring by the beginning of April. We would need to feed the volunteers, provide a Port-a-Potty as well as

supervision. Culverts were not popular. The committee was charged to come up with some other ideas.

- d) Signage: Hazen reported that the subcommittee meet prior to the meeting. They discussed the size of signs. The size should be dependent upon the size of the trailhead and parking. Lee reported that the kind of sign needed depends upon the usage. We could designate the Rail Trail as a trunk line and the MW North and South would be another trunk line. Next subcommittee meeting is is Jan. 21 at 4:30 in the Annex Conference room.
- e) Land owner Relations: Hazen said that we now need to get written permission from all the individuals that have given us verbal permission.

5. Old Business:

- a) Continuation of discussion on design mods for the RR bed by Indian Ledge: Lee handed out a sheet showing a speed bump and that we could experiment in using it for a trail calming method. He stated that we could borrow ten of them from the Bicycle Coalition and use them for a day. Lee to send out a speed bump handout to the Rail Traffic committee and have a meeting with them.
- b) Gate Mods: Lee reported that the School committee was supportive of the gate modification for the MWBP trail exit by the back of the H.S. Now need the superintendent to give Adam Hartford the permission to do the mods.
- c) New Map Update: Lee passed out a sheet (previously handed out) that shows the cost estimate for the new maps. To update the map it will cost \$4,000. Hazen made a motion that was 2nd by Rick to spend up to \$2,000 to have Stephen Engle design the new map. Unanimously approved. Hazen then went on to suggest that we inquire into getting some samples of the work with regards to signs.
- d) Mural Update: Lee reported that the mural design was approved by the Design Review Committee and then the City Council's Property Subcommittee. Work on the mural will begin in the Spring once the wall can be prepared properly.

6. New Business:

- a) Historic Walk Exhibit: Lee gave an example of telling the history of Sanford using timber framed kiosk with pictures of the timber industry included in it. He showed how we could have a welcome sign made from the different woods found in the area. This, he said,

was an example of incorporating Sanford's History Walk with the trail system. The group then discussed the original historic walk and weather to keep it, change it or remove it. No decision was reached.

- b) Tree Planting: Lee handed out a sheet explaining a tree planting proposal. The idea is to collect \$8,000 and then apply for another "canopy" grant to plant trees along Main St. and other bare areas. We would need to raise \$8,000 by March for the matching "canopy" grant. We would need a detailed consent agreement to deal with potential issues that Peter Smith pointed out had happened in the past. Motion by Thom and 2nd by Don that the Trail Committee seek community contributions to plant trees along Main St. and in City parks. Eight voted in favor and there was one abstention. The motion passed.
- c) Next Years CIP Budget: Lee suggested that we build a budget ahead of time and document the projects and grants that we are able to parley with our contribution from the City. It was suggested that we request \$20K from the City for the next Trails Committee budget.
Motion by Hazen and 2nd by Dollie to request \$20K from the CIP budget. Unanimously approved. The committee will request that we be given an opportunity to present our budget to the City Council during the budget process.
- d) Quimby Foundation: Lee reported that we have applied to them previously but were not successful. Lee proposed applying to them for a grant for "organizational development" so as to get trackers to keep track of trail use. Alan stated that bringing trail use stats would carry a lot of weight with City officials.

7. Other:

- a) Don informed the committee that at the the North East Credit Union there is a large picture of the MWS Board Walk. He also informed the group that Gail Browning gave the snowmobile club permission to use her property off of High St.
- b) Alan asked if anyone had made contact with the new land owner behind Sherwin Williams, the former Bruno property? Don reported that the snowmobile club has gotten permission to use their property.
- c) Alan showed the group a map that showed proposed development of hotels and recreational use building with proposed trail

connection. The committee liked the idea of the trail connection.

8. Next Meeting: January 27, 2020. The change to the 4th Monday is due to MKL Day on the usual meeting date.
9. Adjournment: Motion by Lee and 2nd by Dollie to adjourn.
Unanimously approved.

Meeting ended at 8:23

Respectfully submitted by Thom Gagné, Secretary