

Zoom Trail Committee Meeting  
Monday May 18, 2020

Meeting began at 6:05

Members Present: Hazen Carpenter, Steve Mallon, Kevin McKeon, Thom Gagné, Dollie Hutchins, Lee Brunett, Don Roux, Alan Grady, Lawrence Furbish, Dave Parent, Rick Tockman, Al Pollard, Katie Menede-Hall

Guests: ATV Club President Nick Taylor, members Matt Leggett, Jeff Doiron

1. Approval of the March 16, 2020 minutes: Motion by Dollie and seconded by Lawrence to approve the minutes as presented.  
Unanimously approved.

Approval of the April 20, 2020 minutes: Motion by Dollie and seconded by Lawrence to approve the minutes as presented.  
Unanimously approved.

2. Volunteer Hours: Alan to send along an email sign-up sheet.
3. Treasurers Report: Alan submitted a report showing approved spending at this time of \$11,188.17.
4. Committee Reports:
  - a) Communication/Outreach - Katie: No report at this time.
  - b) Signs - Lee: Lee reported that there will be a sign committee meeting this week and then the group will send out a 2nd version of the map.
  - c) Construction/Maintenance - Hazen: Hazen stated that the beaver issue is under control for the time being. A weekly rotating crew is keeping it under control.  
Hazen reported on his discussion with Dave Genest about the trails crossing his property.
  - d) Volunteers - Rick: Rick reported that the Day of Caring will be in the Fall. The Church group never responded.
  - e) Landowner Relations - Hazen: See c) above for Mousam Way So. Also, Hazen is still talking to Dave White about the Farm Trail.

## 5. Old Business:

a) Municipal ATV Grant for Deering Pond: Nick Taylor reported how the ATV Club opened up the trails before contacting other ATV clubs, the Trail Committee and other groups. He admitted that they opened the trail too early and ended creating just a narrow corridor which in turn lead to heavy use and created a number of problems. They do not plan to open trails early again. He stated that there is no support from the city to enforce speed laws on the trail. The club purchased trail cameras for monitoring of problem areas and offered their use to the Trail Committee. Committee members took turns sharing their concerns.

The question was raised as to whether the Trail Committee should partner with the ATV Club on a State matching grant. There was a motion by Don and seconded by Lawrence to pursue the Municipal ATV Grant. The vote of Committee members was as follows: 8 For, 3 Against, 1 Abstention. The motion carried. A motion to set the speed limit at 20 mph by Dave and seconded by Dollie. Lee proposed a 15 mph limit. There was an amendment to the motion by Thom and seconded by Dave to have a 15 mph speed limit from Pleasant St. to Oak St. and 20 mph from Oak to the Lebanon line. The amendment was approved by a vote of 9 For and 1 Abstention. The original amended motion was then approved by a vote of 9 For and 1 Abstention.

There was a motion by Dave and seconded by Al to have a 20 mph limit on the Rail Trail from Pleasant ST. going East. The vote was 8 For and 1 Abstention.

b) Second Iteration of the Map Update: Lee got the map just prior to the meeting. Will share with the sign committee and then the Trail Committee.

c) Event Reschedule: Bike Fest and Farm Walk.

- Farm Walk: is still scheduled for July 26. It is a State wide event and it has not been cancelled but there has been no guidance from the State yet. The shuttle service is the most problematic issue at this time.

- Bike Fest: This was originally scheduled for June 6th. It has been postponed until next year.

d) Options For Organic Weed Control along DPW: Instead of paying for A professional we can apply a vinegar solution ourselves with the proper PPE at about the 1/4 of the price that we budgeted for. The group consented to try this approach.

6. New Business:

a) Speed Limit Demo: Lee suggested we pursue this soon since we will be going to the City Council about our decision to establish speed limits on the Rail Trail. We will try to set this up at the beginning of June. We will use the section for the Rail Trail from Pleasant St. to Witham St. since this is the problematic area.

b) Modifications to the Master Plan: Lee suggested that the Committee may want to make amendments to the Master Plan to deal with trail modifications on the Genest property which would require grant money to complete. If the project is in the Master Plan, there is an improved chance of being able to receive grant money in the future.

c) RPT Grant for 2021: Lee suggested that we should pursue 20% match for a couple of projects such as: grading of the Rail Trail from Rt. 224 to Pleasant St., including a small parking lot for safety. Could also be used to work on trail issues related to the Genest property & MW Ped/bike path.

7. Other: No other business at this time

8. Next Meeting: Monday June 15, 2020. (Format TBD)

9. Adjournment: Motion by Dollie and seconded by Don to adjourn. Unanimously approved.

Meeting ended at 8:55

Respectfully submitted by Thom Gagné, Secretary