

Sanford Trail Committee Zoom Meeting
Monday September 21, 2020

Meeting began at 6:04

Members Present: Lee Burnett, Al Pollard, Kevin McKeon, Hazen Carpenter, Steve Mallon, Dollie Hutchins, Thom Gagné, Nick Taylor, Dave Parent, Rick Tockman

1. Approval of the Aug. 24, 2020 minutes: Motion by Lawrence and 2nd by Al to approve the minutes as amended. Unanimously approved.
2. Accounting of volunteer hours: Send Alan your Aug. and Sept. hrs.
3. Treasures Report: Please see the report that Alan emailed to all.
4. Committee Reports:
 - a) Communications/Outreach - Katie: We did a drawing for Shaws Ridge and gave away two \$25.00 gift certificates. Nick Taylor reported about the camera footage for the number of trail walkers. There were more walkers for this than Oak St. to Main St. earlier this Spring.
 - b) Maps and Signs - Lee: Hazen reported that Parks and Rec. are loaning a tractor to help set trail marker posts. Need a work party to set in the post and go with the tractor. Some of the holes have been cleared for Dig Safe. We have some other holes that need to be marked for Dig Safe to clear them for digging. Hazen will mark the hole sites on 9/22. Allen to be notified. Potential work time is Friday 9/25 at 8:00 am. Meet at the Y.
 - c) Construction - Hazen: Hazen sent Alan the locations of 11 gates. Alan reported that five Knox boxes were put on the gates. Two more to be put on.

Hazen reported that he and Steve repaired the footbridge at Stanley Rd. He and Steve place five granite posts. Hazen is asking to be reimbursed for equipment used to install the posts and installing others. Alan to shepherd the reimbursement process.

Hazen expressed concern about the ATVs churning up the “fine” from the gravel and exposing the rocks on the Rail Trail. As a result rocks are being exposed and the trail is getting to be not suitable for bicyclist. The top coat used this time on the gravel was not the same quality as before. Need to be aware of what we

specify in the future.

Hazen suggested that the Rail Trail from Carpenter's Bridge to the Lebanon line needs to be regraded. Need to get an estimate. Perhaps PW might have a training session or we hire someone.

The trail from the Depot to the power lines over Mapes property: The ATV club is not interested in building the bridges and the maintenance needed. Lee thought we could have a work party and build some bridges.

Breton Ave. eagle scout project update: Richard Boise will be delivering the granite to be used as seating and barriers.

- d) Volunteers: Rick had no report at this time.
- e) Land Owner Relations: Relocation of the Spartan Drive Timber Frame sign - Lee reported that it will not be moved to the Genest property on Emery St. as originally planned. Now, we have permission from the School Dept. to instal the sign at the end of the road on the football field side of the High School building. A smaller sign to be installed at the exit of the trail behind the H.S. building.

5. Old Business:

- a) Revised Estimate for the 2021 RTP grant: See attached email sent out by Lee on Sept. 21, 2020. Much time was spent discussing the lines 10 & 11 to deal with the pleasant St. connector. Discussed were the pros and cons of paving, delineators, boulders etc. At the previous meeting we approved the \$62K grant at the cost of \$12.5K match with \$5K from the ATV Club. Another suggestion was for the Trail Comm. to front \$3.75K and the ATV Club would ask \$12.5K for its municipal grant and the Trail Committee still apply for submission for a state grant of \$62.5K.

Motion by Kevin and 2nd by Al to apply for a State RTP Grant of \$62.5K and that we split the local match 30% Trail /committee or \$3.75K and 70% ATV Club or \$8.75K. The vote was 9 for and 1 opposed.

- b) Committee By-Laws - Lawrence reported on what should be included in By-Laws with the goal to submit a draft for the next meeting.
- c) Up Date on Middle School Connector: Lee reported that the Planning Dept. is requiring us to hire an engineer to modify the Site

Plan for the connector at a cost of \$1K. Dave suggested that we can check with Woodward and Curran, engineers, to modify the original plan to include the ped/bicycle path. Motion by Steve and 2nd by Kevin to authorize up to \$1K to modify the plan to include the pedestrian/bicycle path. Unanimously approved.

d) Master Plan Modifications: Nothing to report at this time.

6. New Business:

a) New Projects with Trail Implications:

1) Herlihy Properties are planning a solar farm in the woods behind the old Aubuchon Hardware lot on Main St. A trail goes through the woods up to McDougals Pond. We should work with Maura to protect and and relocate the trail.

2) Nasson New Division Property is scheduled to be developed. This is adjacent to the Rail Trail.

3) Three Rivers Land Trust is interested in working with Bob Libby on a river front conservation project.

4) Work Party fo sign posts: See 4 b).

7. Other: None at this time

8. Next Meeting: October 19, 2020

9. Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by Al and 2nd by Dave to adjourn. Unanimously approved

Meeting ended at 8:37

Respectfully submitted by Thom Gagné, Secretary