



## Trails Committee

Town Of Hinesburg

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### Meeting Minutes February 20, 2013

**TC Members Present:** Lenore Budd, Ray Mainer, Michelle Fischer, Jim Goldsmith, Peter Van Vranken, Jane Sheldon

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. Minutes of the January 23rd meeting had been approved by email and have been posted to the town website.
2. Jim reported that there have been no expenses in the past month, so our funds remain the same.
3. Lenore reported that the Hinesburg Land Trust has agreed to contribute \$1500 toward the kiosk for the Russell Trail system. We need to find the balance of the cost, the total for which was \$2200. A motion was made by Jane, seconded by Peter that the \$453.70 left from the Bart Frisbee grant to be used toward this kiosk. The committee approved this expenditure. Jim will check with his contractor to make sure he is still available. Any remaining funding gap will be made up from the TC annual operating budget and/or grants.
4. The bridge that Jim repaired at the start of the Russell trails needs to be replaced sooner than later because it is still too low and can be washed over by the brook in rainy weather. Ray mentioned that Green Mountain Power may have telephone poles for sale which can be used as stringers. Andy Weiss of Fellowship of the Wheel may also be able to give design suggestions and/or supply manpower if we decide to build the replacement ourselves. Lenore will put Timber and Stone on hold until more can be decided. Ray agreed to be the point person on this project.
5. The Haystack Crossing suggested trail location document developed by Cathy and Lenore was given to Alex for the next DRB meeting. Although our recommendation may change based on final decisions by the developer, such as when and where the next phase of housing and retail outlets will occur, the document is a good starting point and will be considered a work in progress.

6. Re the sidewalk on Route 116 next to Aubuchon, Lenore will follow up with Peter Erb to see if the memo she sent to him on behalf of the Trails Committee urging the DRB to require the applicant to construct a sidewalk along Route 116 was included in the discussion of the hardware store's expansion by the DRB.
7. We were all given copies of the revised "Adventures Close to Home" brochure and asked to send any corrections or additions to Lenore, who will send the final changes to Cathy. Cathy has the brochure in a pdf file and will send the updated version to Michelle, Ray, Jane and any TC members with color printers. They will each make 20 – 25 copies in order to have at least 100 available at Town Meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup>.
8. Lenore will check with Cathy to see if she can supply the table for Town Meeting again this year. Jane will get the banner to Lenore since her ability to attend is weather dependent.
9. In Sue's absence discussion on her student outreach proposal was tabled until the next meeting. Jane will liaise with Sue to help with this project.
10. In Stewart's absence long range planning was tabled until the next meeting.
11. Lenore will follow up with Joe Colangelo to find out if our revised/updated mission statement was approved by the Select Board and if so will make sure that the website is also updated.
12. Lenore reported that we've been asked Liz Lee of the HLT and the Invasive Species Team to support the regional invasive species eradication efforts. We will continue to pull them when doing trail maintenance and will put up notices about them on the kiosks.
13. Michelle is finishing up the article for the March issue of the Record, the deadline for which is March 6<sup>th</sup>. Jane will write the April article (deadline April 3) and Lenore will write the May article (deadline May 1).
14. National Trails Day is June 1<sup>st</sup>. We are to think about what projects we would like to do that day and ways to recruit volunteers for discussion at the March meeting.
15. Michelle reported that there is an old trail linking Lake Iroquois Mud Pond in Williston which we could offer to restore, as part of our connectivity efforts. Steve Fischer will attend next month's meeting to give us more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jane Sheldon  
Secretary