



Trails Committee

Town Of Hinesburg

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Meeting Minutes April 16, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Stewart Pierson, Chair.

Present: Lenore Budd, George Dameron, Michelle Fischer, James Goldsmith, Ray Mainer, Sue Rusten and Stewart Pierson.

1. Minutes - Minutes of previous meeting were approved via email.
2. Treasurer's Report - SCHIP (Shelburne, Charlotte, Hinesburg Interfaith Project): \$369.36 VTRP II \$500 Frisbee \$453.70 Town \$715 (after expenditure to Clifford lumber of \$35) Treasurer's report was approved.
3. Scoping study for Hinesburg Charlotte Road - Lenore reported that she has a date to meet with Charlotte Trails Committee to determine their interest (and chance of Select Board approval) in collaborating on a proposal for a scoping study for improving bike/pedestrian travel along this road. Once we know whether the study will include Charlotte, we will need estimates from consultants. Since there is a 20% town match for the grant, Select Board approval will be needed.
4. Russell Bridge Project - Stewart and Lenore met with contractor, Brooke Scatchard, and property owner, James Donegan, at the site to evaluate how best to accommodate the needs of all parties. Stewart will follow up with the other property owner, Tom Whitney, to confirm his agreement with revised plan. Brooke's revised estimate is \$2975. It was agreed that pooling our current funds as well as utilizing our budgeted amount from the town for the coming fiscal year would nearly cover the cost of the bridge. Stewart will look into applying for a SCHIP grant to cover some of the expenditure. It was agreed to hold off on giving Brooke the "go ahead" until funding was more secure. Stewart appealed to the Town Forest Committee to see if the money allotted for the kiosks (that was not drawn upon due to volunteer services) could be utilized for the bridge. The response was negative.
5. Progress Report on Fellowship of the Wheel (FOW) and Hinesburg Town Forest Committee - The two groups have agreed to a memorandum of understanding as regards responsibilities for the Old Town Forest trails.
6. Kiosk Progress Report - Kiosks are in place and most of the contents are completed. The Old

Town Forest maps are still in the works but nearing completion. Michelle will contact FOW to let them know about the dates that we plan to work on posting the signs on the OTF trails so that they can participate/advise on placement. Signs should be ready for May 1 as planned. Jim will place additional map boxes as needed. They are posted on most of the trail kiosks.

7. National Trails Day - The plan is to meet in the Town Hall parking lot at 9:00 am to divide into groups to work on particular trails. Work will be scheduled from 9:00 – noon on June 7th. Peter will organize his own neighborhood crew. Lenore will publicize the event in her May article for the Hinesburg Record as well as Front Porch Forum.
8. Carse Land Mtg. - Stewart and Lenore met with UVM students who are developing a management plan for the recently donated Carse property.
9. VT Bike/Walk Summit - Lenore reported on the March 29th event including the BC/BS community walking guides, Safe Routes to School program, etc. She will research the history of the now defunct Safe Routes program in Hinesburg.
10. Hinesburg Record - Lenore will be writing for May and Sue for June.
11. HCS Fundraiser - Jim reported that plans are still developing.
12. Other Business
 - a. Stewart was contacted by HCS about taking kindergarteners on the Russell Trails for activities over the next few weeks. He will get back to the person with whom he spoke to warn her about wet/hazardous trail conditions.
 - b. Haystack Crossing Meetings are ongoing with Alex Weinhagen for interested parties. The next is scheduled for May 5th at 5:00 PM.
 - c. The County Forester will be leading a walk at Lake Iroquois on Sunday, April 27th and will be talking about Emerald Ash Borer.
13. Stewart requested that the June meeting be scheduled on the 2nd Wednesday (June 11th). The May meeting will be May 21st.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Rusten (filling in for Jane Sheldon, Secretary)