



## Hinesburg Trails Committee

Town Of Hinesburg

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### Meeting Minutes May 21, 2014

**Present:** Jane Sheldon, George Dameron, Ray Mainer, Lenore Budd, Stewart Pierson

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

- 1. Minutes** – The minutes from the April meeting had been approved via email and have been sent posted to the town’s website.
- 2. Financials** – The total amount available is \$1854.06. The VRTPII grant obtained by Lenore has \$500 available and is good until December 31<sup>st</sup> 2014; SCHIP grant = \$369.36; Frisbee grant = \$453.20 and, after a recent \$175 expenditure, the town’s allotment totals \$\$531.50. This amount will expire at the end of June unless used.
- 3. The Charlotte/Hinesburg Road Scoping Study** – Lenore recently attended a Trails Committee meeting in Charlotte to propose that Charlotte join Hinesburg in applying for a grant from the CCRPC for a scoping study to improve bike/pedestrian traffic on this road. The Charlotte TC members seemed interested but did not make a decision that night. Lenore asked that one be made by July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 4. Russell Trail Bridge** – The bid of \$2975 by Brooke Scatchard to build a bridge over the eroded section of the Russell Trail was reviewed. Lenore suggested that we use the \$369 from the SCHIP grant, \$500 from the remaining VRTP grand and the \$531 remaining from the town’s allotment, leaving \$1575 left to fund. She offered to write a grant proposal for \$2000 to SCHIP to cover the balance and will also check to see if the HLT will be able to contribute any funds.
- 5. Haystack Crossing** – Lenore reported that the developers of this new residential project have revised their plans to include a solar panel array on the western end of the property. Although it is marshy, Lenore suggested that we request an easement along the northern border to extend a path already planned, in case we can develop a connection to Geprags Park in the future.
- 6. Geprags Park Map** – Jim has installed the map holders so as soon as Alex can print out the maps they can be inserted.

7. **National Trails Day: Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>** – Several projects in the Russell Trails and Geprags Park were finalized. Lenore’s article in the Record lists her as the contact person and Jane will put a similar posting on the FPF so we can alert any other volunteers to changes in plans. A rain date of Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 1:00 p.m. was agreed upon.
8. **Town Forest Progress** – All the intersection signs have been installed. Lenore will make sure the new map which indicates difficulty ratings and one way trails, gets posted to the town website.
9. **Kiosk Information** – Lenore received notices from the CDC warning trail users of the dangers of ticks and how to avoid tick-borne illnesses. Stewart will copy several more copies from the CDC website and have Missy laminate them so they can be added to the other trail use information on all the kiosks.
10. **Hinesburg Record Articles** – Sue is writing the article for the Record for the June issue and George offered to write it for the August 28<sup>th</sup> issue, the deadline for which is August 9<sup>th</sup>.
11. **July 4<sup>th</sup>** – Jane offered to organize a group of TC members with families and friends to march in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Ray, George and Lenore said they would be interested so Jane will survey the others and, if there are enough of us, we will finalize the details at the June meeting.
12. **Vacant Seats** – Stewart reports that the Town Forest Committee is short by two members and asked for any suggestions of possible candidates.
13. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Sheldon, Secretary

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