



Trails Committee

Town Of Hinesburg
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Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2014

- Approved 10/15/14 -

Present: Sue Rusten, Stewart Pierson, Jane Sheldon, Ray Mainer, Lenore Budd, Jim Goldsmith

Guest: James McAllister, Boy Scout Troop 690

- 1. Minutes** – Lenore made the motion to approve the minutes from the August meeting, Ray seconded and they were approved by unanimous vote.
- 2. James McAllister attended to ask** if there were any projects the Trails Committee (TC) needed done that he could use as his Eagle Scout project. He is looking for something that he can take the lead on and get other scouts to help with. Susan suggested setting up a Quest, and explained what that entailed. Other suggestions were rerouting muddy sections on the Russell Trails and in the LaPlatte Headwaters Town Forest (LHTF), rerouting the trail in the LHTF away from the Hemingway property and several other bridge projects. He will attend the October meeting and possibly present some ideas of his own, at which time we can determine the best project for both of us.
- 3. Treasurer's Report** – Jim reported that there was a total of \$4227.47 in our various accounts; \$704.91 in the town allocations, \$1753.20 in donations (Frisbee and HLT), \$369.36 in the first SCHIP grant, \$1000 in the second SCHIP grant and \$400 in the VTRP grant. Of this total \$1300 from the donations fund and the \$1000 from the second SCHIP grant are earmarked to be used for the Russell Trails bridge to be built in early October. That would leave \$1927.47 across the 4 remaining accounts. Sue made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Ray seconded and it was approved by unanimous vote.
- 4. Committee Vacancy** – With Michelle leaving at the end of the year there will be a vacancy on the TC. Jane suggested her neighbor who has had forest management experience and has helped with some trail maintenance. She will contact him to see if he is interested. She also will post a message on the Front Porch Forum (FPF) to see if we can locate the person who worked with us on the June maintenance projects and expressed interest in joining as well.
- 5. Geprags** – Stewart has mowed the Northwest Passage. Jane reported that there is a section of the loop near the Lupine spur that needed to be cut back as well.
- 6. Russell Trails** – Brooke Scatchard (of Sinuosity) will supervise committee members in replacing a

bridge and mitigating erosion on the Russell Trail on October 4 and 5. Lenore will confirm with Brooke what tools are needed and how the material will be delivered to the site. She will send out an email as the date gets nearer as to the time and place to meet.

- 7. Budget Planning** – The town budget planning for FY 2016 is going to be taking place soon. Lenore suggested we plan to replace the entrance bridge to Russell trail and ask the Select Board to include \$2500 to replace it, in addition to our \$750 allotment.
- 8. Economou Road** – The spur from the Huntington end of the road to the kiosk is in bad shape as well as the parking lot at that entrance. Stewart will contact Trevor Lashua to discuss how the Hinesburg and Huntington road crews can cooperate to make improvements.
- 9. Hayden Hill East** – There are currently 2 kiosks there, the FOTW's and the one that Ray recently built and installed. The TC feels the FOWT one needs to be removed. Stew will talk to Town Forest Committee to get their permission. We will encourage FOTW to give it to us to use another location.
- 10. Record Article** – George has submitted the article for the September issue. Stewart volunteered to write the one for October issue (the deadline is October 4th) and Lenore volunteered for the November issue (the deadline is November 8th).
- 11. Trevor Lashua** – The Select Board is having a welcome reception for our new Town Administer on September 22nd along with a review of the Open Meeting Law. Stewart will attend.
- 12. Leadership** - Stewart would like to reduce his responsibilities on the TC and has asked Lenore to take over the chairmanship, which she agreed to do. Stewart will stay on the TC as Vice Chair. Ray made a motion to accept this swapping of leadership roles, Sue seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.
- 13. Maps** – Jane asked if someone would restock the maps at Economou Road and Ray agreed. Both she and Lenore have been keeping track of how many were requested from Alex. This information will be helpful in predicting usage and keeping the holders restocked on a more regular basis.
- 14. Columbus Day Weekend Hike** – Jane asked if the TC planned on holding a community hike in the Old Town Forest again this year. Lenore offered to lead it on Saturday with Sunday as a rain date. She will post an alert on FPF.
- 15. Richmond Road Lines** – Jane asked if there was some way we could assure that the fog lines on Richmond Road would be the 3' distance from the edge of the pavement as required by the Complete Streets legislation. Stewart will remind Trevor of this issue when he meets with him.
- 16. Prohibitive Signs** – The Committee approved Lenore's plan to buy approximately \$100 worth of prohibitive signs (no horses, no bikes, no motorized vehicles) for posting at LHTF trailheads and elsewhere as needed. Funds will come from the first SCHIP account.

- 17. Town Plan** – The plan is scheduled to be updated so we will need to review our section to revise it based on the changes since the original plan was written.
- 18. Russell Trail Signs** – Jim noted that the sign leading from the Russell loop to Buck Hill Road needs to be fixed so the arrow is pointing in the correct direction. Stewart offered to take care of this.
- 19. The meeting was adjourned** at 8:33 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15th.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jane Sheldon, Treasurer