



Town Forest Committee

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Meeting Minutes June 11, 2014

Present: Chris Haviland, Pat Mainer, Stewart Pierson, Mike Potvin, Steve Russell, Brent Francis

Absent: Paul Wiczoreck

Guests: Jared Poor, Josh Edelbaum

Call to Order

Mike Potvin called the meeting of the Town Forest Committee to order at 7:04 p.m. on June 11, 2014 in the Town Hall.

Charity Bike Ride

Josh Edelbaum and Jared Poor, representing a committee of friends hoping to support their friend Ben Johnson's daughter Delaney, spoke to the group. Delaney has Alternating Hemoplegia of Childhood (AHC) and they wish to hold a mountain biking fundraiser for Cure AHC, a grassroots foundation that supports research and individuals with AHC. It will be a tour, not a race, starting and ending at Sleepy Hollow going via the HTF and Carse trails. September 14 works with Sleepy Hollow with a rain date of Sept. 28. It will start at noon, with check in earlier and be capped at 50 riders who would pay or fundraise \$100 each. Ben Johnson will be the contact person. The organizers may put up temporary route direction signs and will have medical assistance available. The insurance will be through AHC. They've talked with FOTW.

Pat offered to put an article in the Hinesburg Record announcing the event if the event is approved. Steve moved that we approve the charity bike ride to benefit Cure AHC, pending approval given via email by a majority of committee by June 25.

Stewart seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion/Approval of May Minutes

Steve moved to approve the minutes of May 7. Chris seconded. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Stewart reported that there has been no activity since the last meeting. There is \$2523 in the reserve account, \$5000 in this year's budget and \$2300 in the kiosks account.

Eagle's Trail Maintenance Project

June 18th walk through w/ Keith/Mike

Mike showed photos and reported that Keith is getting three bids. If they are within the ballpark, we can agree to spend the money. If not we can consider if we want to spend additional money and how much. Keith will do a walk through with the bidders on June 26. Mike Anthony is giving us 30 yard of stone for this project.

Update on Money for Fiscal year 2014-2015

Mike reported that the project funding has been approved via a conversation with Mike and Renae. Missy won't get any bill until after July 1.

Expenditure of more than \$5000?

Bids will be ready for the July meeting. We'll discuss our options then.

Economou Road Gate

Somebody smashed the Economou Road gate. Giroux's could straighten the gate. Whoever is doing the Eagle's trail work could replant the post. Steve will get someone to help him to get the cross piece straightened. Mike will tell Keith to add resetting the post to the proposal for bids. Chris moved to reset the post and straighten the gate with money out of the reserve fund. Stewart seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Washout near HHE Parking Lot

Mike discussed the July 3 washout on the Eagles' trail not far from the HHE parking lot. Keith took a tour with Mike last night. Do we want to add that to our bidding project? It would need a 12' 36" culvert, stone and perhaps 20 yards of fill. Steve suggested Mike should have Keith call Mike Snyder. Those present agreed that it's more important right now to do the Economou Road extension (Eagle's trail) project.

2011 Eagle Trail Improvement design (start discussion)

HTFC Long Term Strategy- Funding sources

Mike broached the subject of funding for usual maintenance, asking the following questions. What do we do? What are our goals? Where are we going? How do we fund it? Keith gave Mike Karen Bates' name as a water quality grant resource person.

Updates

Trails/Signs

Mike commented that the signs look great. Stewart said he had a lot of help. Stewart or Mike will take down the falling down sign by Economou Road trailhead.

Need Signs for HHE-No Motorized Vehicles

Pat will find a sign on-line for Hayden Hill East and ask Missy to order it.

Kiosks/Emergency info

Pat will see about putting in case of emergency call 911 in each kiosk

Boundary Marking-Ready For Ribbon

Mike reported that he sent letters to each adjacent land owner from Hayden Hill East to Economou Rd. He'll give them a month and then mark the trees with ribbons. Chris wonders whether the southern boundary near Wolfree is correct. Mike and Chris will mark the trees with ribbons by the Fourth of July and then let them set.

Other Business

Brent's email from this afternoon

Mike proposed three things we can pursue regarding Milo's letter

1. First Mike will find out if there's any patrolling there and see if Milo thinks things are better. If there isn't much police presence we can write a letter to request increased police patrol of HHW or at least find out the current schedule.
2. Copy Milo on the above letter.
3. We need to post safety zone signs. The Town Office ought to have them. Pat will work on finding signs.

HTF Insect Inventory Display

Trish Hanson has donated a display, brochure and poster. Pat will write a thank you note and ask her for an electronic copy of the survey report for our website. Pat will ask Aaron to put either that or a scanned copy on our website. Pat will ask the Sue Barden about putting it in library.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, July 9, 7:00- 8:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Pat moved to adjourn the meeting. Steve seconded. Mike adjourned the meeting at 9:09.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Mainer