



Trails Committee

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Meeting Minutes – October 21, 2015

- Approved 11/18/15 -

Present: Jane Sheldon, Lenore Budd, Ray Mainer, George Dameron, Sue Rusten, Stewart Pierson, and Peter Modley

Guest: James McAllister

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. **Minutes** – Ray made a motion to accept the minutes from the September meeting, Lenore seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.
2. **Budget**
 - a. The only change from last month was the final \$2195 payment to Timber and Stone for the Russell Trails Bridge, leaving total funds of \$1038.85.
 - b. The town budget for fiscal year 2017 is being developed and we need to put in our request for funds to cover us from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. We discussed several projects that needed to be completed, including the construction of one new bridge in the LHTE, repair of one bridge in the LHTE, and repair of two bridges on the Russell perimeter trail. It was decided that Lenore will ask for an additional \$500 to cover materials for materials required for those projects, for a total of \$1250.
3. **James McAllister** – Showed us the final version of his Quest map project. He is also organizing younger scouts to help Ray and Stewart on Saturday, October 31st clear brush and overgrown vegetation, and to try and solve some drainage issues on the Eagle's Trail. Workers will meeting at 9:00 a.m. at Town Hall to carpool to the Economou Road entrance.
4. **VRTPVRTP Mini Grant** – If 2016 VRTP Mini-Grants are available, Lenore will apply for a \$500 grant to cover the purchase of the several tools we need and which were discussed in previous meetings.
5. **Election of Officers** – Lenore, Stewart and Jane were unanimously reelected to the offices of Chair, Vice-chair and Secretary, respectively.

6. **Review of Fall Events** – Sue and Jane reported that the information table set up at the Fall Festival was very successful, although the traffic might have been better if we were outside. We still had many folks stop by, take maps and discuss the scavenger hunt. The hunt was also a huge success with enthusiastic feedback from participants. The Story Walk was also popular. However, next year we will try to schedule the hunt and walk at different times.
7. **Richmond Road Bike/Pedestrian Scoping Study** – Lenore and Jane had met with two representatives from the Toole Design Group (TDG), the engineering company conducting the study. Lenore walked with them the length of the road, North Rd to CVU Rd, to document the route's topography. The next step is to set up an open meeting in November to discuss the consultants' findings and recommendations, and answer the public's questions and concerns. We are waiting to hear from TDG for their schedule.
8. **Pedestrian Access on Route 116** – Stewart asked about the status of the proposed walkway from Commerce Street to NRG. Lenore reported that it is currently scheduled for next year. She will check with Trevor to see what timing is planned.
9. **There is a Bike/Ped Workshop** being run by the Regional Planning Commission this coming Saturday. Because of the late notification, Trails Committee members may not be able to attend. Stewart plans to represent the Trails Committee at this event.
10. **Historic Mill Trail** – Lenore has sent out letters to all the neighbors and nearby property owners alerting them to our interest in working with the Historical Society to set up a self-guided historical tour, asking for a response if they had concerns to either her or Ann Thomas by November 30th.
11. **Other Business**
 - a. **Signs** – There is a sign showing a hiker at the Lewis Creek entrance to the LHTF, which Stewart suggested should also be put at entrances to other systems where the trailhead is not well marked, including the Buck Hill entrance to the Russell Trails, and Hayden Hill West and East in the Hinesburg Town Forest. We will need to discuss this with the Town Forest Committee (TFC) for the latter two locations. Jane offered to take a picture of the sign at Gilman Rd so Stewart could show the TFC.
 - b. **Views** – Peter hiked the HTF recently and took photos of several locations on the trails which, with minimal cutting of trees, would offer great views of Camel's Hump and the Adirondacks. One was on Dragon's Tail in the Town Forest another was on the part of that trail that crosses Carse land. Yet another spot still to be scouted and photographed is on the Passing the Horizon trail. He will take additional photos when the foliage is gone and send them to us. We will then decide which ones to discuss with the TFC to get their approval.

12. Record Articles – Jane will send in Stewart’s article to be used for the December 3rd issue. Next month we will determine who will write the January 2016 article, the deadline for which is January 5th.

The meeting was adjourned 8:25 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on November 18th.

Respectfully Submitted
Jane Sheldon, Secretary