



Trails Committee

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Meeting Minutes – April 20, 2016

- Approved 5/18/16 -

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

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

- 1. Minutes** – Sue made a motion to accept the minutes from the March meeting, Stewart seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.
- 2. Budget Review** – There was a \$36 expense for laminating the large map of the LaPlatte Headwaters Town Forest (LHTF) which we use for displays. That brings the total funds available to \$940.45 of which \$589.96 is money to be used before June 30th.
- 3. Maps for Kiosks** – Stewart reported that the larger maps used in the kiosks do not need to be laminated as they are protected by Plexiglas. He is planning on replacing the updated maps in the Hinesburg Town Forest soon.
- 4. Update on Bridge Project** – Oren has started working on bridge designs for the trails on VT Fish & Wildlife land and will coordinate with Peter VanVranken on purchasing materials. The plan is to include at least some bridge and puncheon installation tasks as part of National Trails Day on June 4.
- 5. Ravine Trail Crossing** – Lenore has discussed our ideas with members of the Hinesburg Land Trust (HLT) and that group is all in favor of researching the cost of various crossing types and locations. Lenore offered to contact Josh Ryan of Timber and Stone to get an estimate, as well as at least one other company TBD.
- 6. National Trails Day** – Jane will organize the event again this year. Lenore and Stewart will be out of town but Sue offered to lead the LHTF crew, coordinating with Peter VanVranken and Ray the crew for the Hinesburg Town Forest (HTF). Peter will lead the Geprags group if he is in

town (Jane will if not). Jane will check with George to see if he can lead the Russell Trail team. More details will be discussed at the May meeting.

- 7. Pipeline Through Geprags** – Lenore presented suggested revisions to the Agreement and Easement the Select Board is negotiating with VT Gas re Geprags Park. After discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to endorse these revisions. Lenore will forward them to the Town Administrator and to members of the Select Board.
- 8. Changes to the HART Brochure and TC Page on the Website** – Sue has reviewed the page on the web site for needed updates, corrections and deletions, and made suggested changes to the text. Lenore suggested we remove the Fred Johnson Area from both the webpage and brochure. We agreed that since it is not part of the HART system and we are not responsible for maintaining it, that it is misleading to readers, and it should be removed. We discussed also deleting the sidewalk maps but decided that since the TC is involved with pedestrian traffic in town they should remain. Sue will check with Cathy Ryan to see how we can update the maps to include the sidewalks along Mechanicsville and CVU Roads. Oren will see if he can revise the map for the brochure.
- 9. Historic Mill Site** – George is going to co-host a meeting with Ann Thomas again for the neighbors on Mill Street on May 5th to discuss their concerns. He will report the results at our May meeting.
- 10. Spring Walks** –
 - a. Plans for a joint walk in the LHTF to be led by Mike Snyder were dropped due to staff changes at the Trust for Public Lands, and other logistic issues.
 - b. Lenore will lead the Bird Walk on May 21, at 8:00 a.m. in Geprags, with Sunday the 22nd at 9:00 a.m. as a rain date.
 - c. Lenore is finalizing details with Annette’s Preschool to set up the book pages for the Story Walk, in Geprags, specific dates TBD. She will also help put in the stakes for the pages.
- 11. Mud Season Trail Closures** – We agreed that, although there may be some wet patches on the trails, we should remove the “Closed for Mud Season” signs put up after our last meeting.
- 12. Fog Lines** – The new lines on Richmond and Charlotte Roads painted to give bike/ped users more room, have worn off. Lenore will check with Trevor to see when they are scheduled to be repainted and encourage him to keep that project on his priority list.

13. Committee Vacancy – There is still one spot open on the TC. We will continue to try to recruit from residents we think would be interested. Jane suggested we see if any of the National Trails Day volunteers would be willing to serve.

14. Record Articles – The May article will be written by Peter (deadline May 10th), the June article by Susan deadline (June 14th) and the August article by Lenore (deadline August 9th).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 18th.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jane Sheldon, Secretary