

EMTI Minutes-3-16-04

Present: Nona, Chris, Carroll, Mary (minutes)

Since the meeting was warned as an annual meeting we decided to call Jamie for his vote on the slate of officers. We currently have 9 active board members so 5 will make the required quorum.

Elected unanimously: President Jamie Shanley
Secretary Mary Stone
Treasurer Kim Kendal

Pratt property: Nona reported great progress in meeting funding goals. Project now has 70-80% chance of completion. The Vermont Land Trust is supporting a grant to the Freeman Foundation for 100,000 and there are private donors willing to help if needed. May closing is still the goal.

Fitch Property: Martha Fitch has indicated that the trail board should present a proposal in writing to her and co-owners of the 11-acre parcel on County road. The original asking price was 26,000. We feel that it would be best to put forth 2 or 3 options for discussion. The town is anxious for us to come up with an off road parking area for (especially) winter use of the trails so should be willing to allow tax abatement for the property. Perhaps VAST would also be willing to get involved as we are co-owners on a similar lot on Rt 14, and Marlene at the town office has listed a few other potential sources of \$, including:

East Mont Conservation fund

Carlton Smith fund

Transportation Enhancement Program(Agency of Transportation)

Vt Recreation Trails(Agency of Natural Resources)

VLT and VTPL for support with grants

Nona, Sandy, Rick and Mary will meet on Monday April 12 at 5 pm at Rick's to get started on proposals. Anyone else who wants to work on this is welcome. Mary will make calls to funding contacts. Rick will bring map and financials on the parcel.

Next Meeting: Tues April 27th at Mary Stone's 7pm