

## **EMTI Minutes April 27, 2004**

Present: Jamie, Nona, Carroll, Rick, Sandy, Madeline, Mary

1. March minutes accepted
2. Treasurer report: interest rates are low, but current balance is 22,420.54(see report)
3. Warshaw (Madeline) GMP owns the easement on the Montpelier section of the rail bed. Warshaw expressed concern to GMP that the Montpelier trail easement would interfere with his use of the E Montpelier section of the rail bed road. Steve Terry (GMP) seems to support the trail easement and Madeline is hopeful that he will convince John Warshaw to cooperate. A few things should happen before the next meeting of Madeline, John Soter (sp?) and Steve Terry of GMP, Eric from Cross VT, and someone from Montpelier (rec department?). Nona and Jamie will contact Avis Burnes about granting an easement to EMTI on her property. We would need a small triangular piece of land approximately 450sq ft. in order to access the alternative route on U32 property.

Other Cross VT: Eric was not able to make it due to other deadlines, but emailed that XVT received a grant for work on the Old RT 2 through E Montpelier. Discussion followed with agreement that we need to make sure the trail through E Mont. will be designated as multi-use. Rick will talk to Rose/Eric to confirm this.

4. Pratt (Nona) Sunday event went well with some new donations promised from private sources. Still short by about \$177,000. \$10,000 from Forests and Parks did not come through, but Sandy says there may still be more money available in a month or two. Still working on a grant proposal to the Freeman Foundation. An extension to the end of June was granted by Chris Pratt to raise the remaining funds.
5. Fitch See attached notes for current report. Nona, Rick, Mary and Sandy will continue to work on proposals to Fitch owners for development of parking and trail head. Nona will send edited proposal list to Mary. Mary will call Sylvia about the status of the Carlton Smith Fund.
6. Trail Maintenance The Green Mtn Club plans to cut brush on the Center Road trail. Rick's bike group will establish access from County Road to Ester Salme trail. Other important tasks include fixing the trailhead boxes, replacing the signs where needed, fixing the tractor in Les' barn, walk through all trails to clean up winter and wind damage. We will arrange work dates through email! Since the meeting went long, we left without making solid plans such as who is able to organize a workday. Many community members and former EMTI members have expressed the desire to help.