

EMTI Minutes 11-30-04

Present: Nona, Carroll, Rick, Jamie, Mary, Eric and Rose-8 pm

Minutes 10-19-04 approved

Treasurers Report: even after several expenditures our balance is around \$24000

Salmi Trail: see attached emails on work done by Rick and momba crew on both Salmi (limbing, brush hog, and cedar signposts) and upper Sparrow Farm (drainage work) trails. Jamie wrote article for the Signpost notifying public on improvements and thanking momba, etc. Now that the snow machine trail will cross at the farm road access (official trail easement) maybe we can use the parking on the SE corner of Fitch this winter if it can be plowed with the groomer without gravel upgrade. Mary will contact Sandy to see if this is possible then will contact Martha for permission. Perhaps the town would even pay 200 to 300 for a lease for use this winter. Mary will also contact Mike Garand for his opinion. Martha might be willing if we can negotiate a purchase agreement...

JFB ADDITION FROM RICK NOV 2004 ABOUT SALMI TRAIL - Rick Hopkins report by email Nov 2004

Hi all.

This to let you know 3 of us (me and 2 guys from the capital city) opened up the Salmi trail today from county road to Esther's rock.

The work we did involved some tree limbing, installing about 4 or 5 cedar posts and affixing EMTI blazes to them. The posts are well inside the width of the easement.

We were there for about 2 hours.

The trail begins at the access where farm equipment enters the field, proceeds north to the White Cemetery and then runs along the northern field perimeter. I think a little more work (raking, weed whacking, wet spot bridging) in the spring might be necessary.

I guess we should spread the word. Perhaps EMTI can do a blurb for the next Signpost. Much to report!

I did notice today that the snow mobile trail is crossing County Road at the same farm equipment access (not at the White Cemetery where its been in the past).

Take care.

Happy Thanksgiving.

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Work Parties: Discussion on whether we should designate sub committees for work on trails and grants. General agreement was for us to continue to organize these from the existing board. Should we try to organize a work day for Jan or Feb as Sandy suggested at Oct meeting?

Kevin McAllister is interested in working on the Forests and Parks grant for the new Pratt trails work. Mary will get the paper work to him and Nona will fill him in on the details.

Chris Abrams will take official leave from active membership on the board.

Rick brought up that the Stone Farm is now owned by Dan Smith who would like to have trails on his property. This could connect the Sparrow Farm trail out to Fitch and over to County road Salmi trail. Several property owners need to be contacted. Mary will talk to Klein, Jamie to Les Birnbaum (former board member!). Exciting potential.

Pratt: Jamie O'Hare is happy to have the new trail cross her property to connect Dodge road with Pratt system. Great news.

Cross Vermont: Eric negotiated a lease agreement with John Warshaw which allows for a 5 year period to develop plans and funding sources for the trail and bridge. A permanent agreement would be initiated after the 5 years if the plans meet the guidelines set in the preliminary agreement document. Discussion centered over concerns about the wording re liability. We voted to spend up to \$100 for Dot Helling to review the document Eric wrote up. Nona will ask Dot to do the work for free first! Question: is EMTI willing to co-hold the easement? We are only if there is a good reason for us to hold it. Fish and Wildlife prefers it, but I believe that someone said they would find out if they will let us pass on it? Anyone remember?

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 18th at Mary's

Sorry the minutes are so late. My computer suffered from a serious virus and had to go get fixed. I learned that it can be quite relaxing to be without email for a month....