

EMTI Minutes 6-6-06

Present: Sandy, Carroll, Mary (minutes)

Agenda:

1. Sandy's Rt 14 proposal
2. Nona's Mallory Brook
3. Eric's CVT email report

1. Sandy brought a draft letter to present to the Four Corner School and EM Rec department for approval to go to the select board to ask for funds from the Carlton Smith Fund. Illegal dumping of trash and tires has been going on at this location for many years. He anticipates the need for approx \$500 to block access to the back of the trailhead by installing a new cable gate close to the pull off on Rt 14 and using approx seven 6 foot concrete blocks to block access around the gate. This would still allow off road parking for 5 to 7 vehicles. Mike Garand is willing to use town equipment to do the transportation and placement. Carroll and Mary approved the plan with the suggestion that we explore the option of using local stone instead of the concrete for esthetic purposes. Mary will call Black Rock Coal and Lague Quarries to see what can be done for a reasonable cost.

Update on 6-14: Greg at Black Rock Coal was extremely responsive and agreed to deliver the required number of stones to the site and place them for a total cost of \$500. Mary confirmed the offer with Sandy and Nona and the stones were put in place on Thursday, June 15. The cable gate will be installed at a time convenient to Mike and Sandy.

2. Mallory: Nona reports via email that the Mallory bridge still needs a hand rail. There is a design for the work, but as yet we do not have someone to head the crew of volunteers. Mary will speak with a possible candidate for the job. Kevin and Nona figure that we have just under \$4000 left on the grant money.

Nona also notes that there are a couple of boy scouts out working on the trail, and that we may be able to get Ken Hertz and the Green Mtn Club to tackle one of the gully crossings.

3. Eric was not able to make it to the meeting and sent an email describing the current status of work on EM section of CVT, copied below:

I can't make this meeting tomorrow, but as an update, CVTA is about to sign the Cooperative Agreement with VT Agency of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration (this week or next week) to begin work on 3 projects:

- 1.) The Powerdam section of CVT
- 2.) Old Route 2
- 3.) Statewide signage of the CVT route.

All of these projects are in EMTI's "region".

\$1,000,000 (approx) of Federal earmark funds are committed to these projects. CVTA has raised over \$50,000 in matching funds/services, but we need to find a lot more funds (\$200,000 to be exact) for match. We have a fundraising plan for this, and are making headway, but the grants are very competitive. If EMTI has any leads on generous donors or foundations, PLEASE let us know.

4. Other: Once again we brainstormed a sign for the Dodge Rd trailhead which would let people know for sure the trail is open-confusion due to the no trespassing sign on Guare property. Came up with: simple "Trail Head Parking , East Montpelier Trails" Mary will take care of this someday!

Next Meeting: ????