

Present: Jamie, Nona, Caroll, Rick, Chip, Mary (minutes), Eric at 8:30
Minutes of 6/06 read and approved

Clark property (Nona): Nona brought the completed proposal put together by Vermont Land Trust for 97,000 from VTRANS to purchase the development rights and trail easement from the Clarks wooded property which adjoins U32.

Sparrow Trail (Rick and Jamie): The Montpelier bike path is now complete and is engineered to much higher specs than we anticipated. A wide “boulevard” trail with numerous 48” wide bridges are in marked contrast to the footpath which now exists on the E Montpelier end. In anticipation of increasing bike traffic we need to act soon in securing money to improve our end of the trail. Geoff Beyer delayed the grand opening of the trail due to the poor condition of our trail.

Rick will talk to Carl and Diana to see if they will go along with the improvements outlined by Dan Voisin. Jamie will communicate with Geoff regarding the possibility of getting an enhancement grant for the YCC to do the labor.

Moved and seconded that: we support Geoff’s action on our behalf to apply for an enhancement grant (early October deadline) to improve the East Montpelier section of the Sparrow Farm trail.

Vote: unanimous approval, with understanding that all improvements are okayed by the landowners and the VT water quality division, and that the trail remains a “trail” and is not engineered to the same standards as the Montpelier section.

Other sources of money may be the Carlton Smith fund, the EM Recreation Board, and perhaps MAMBA can come up with a fund source.

Mallory Brook (Nona): Nona organized a work day for the U32 cross country team to work under the direction of Greg Western on the big muddy section of the Mallory trail. We could really use him for a few more days to make progress on the trail. **Caroll moved and Jamie seconded a motion to fund up to \$500 to hire Greg at his rate of \$110/day. Vote: unanimous approval.** The funds will come from the EMTI account, but will be reimbursed by still outstanding funds from the Forests and Parks grant. October 1 will be the next work day with Greg. Mary will try to get an email out for volunteers.

Salmi (Rick): **Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to spend \$55 to pay Patrick McCoy for brush hogging the Salmi trail**

CVT (Eric): \$1 million in federal funds were authorized (thanks to efforts of Bernie Sanders, and Eric, of course) to purchase easements and construct trail for 3 sections of the CVT trail through East Montpelier: from the Civic Center to the bridge abutments, the bridge itself, and east from the bridge to the road crossing near the Packard site. Monies would cover approximately 2 miles of trail, the bridge, YCC labor, and signage. The funding match would be \$175,000 to be raised over the life of the entire project.
Greg Western is now working full time for CVT.

Other business: Kris Hammer is working on a trail from U32 west to Montpelier

Next Meeting: Nov 27, 7 pm at Mary’s house