

EMTI Minutes 5-21-07

Meeting preceded by a potluck dinner at Sue Riggen's house (thank you, Sue). All trail stewards were invited as well as T and Helen Clark, who have recently conserved a large parcel of land on Codling Rd.

Meeting: present- Nona, Sue, Carroll, Mary (minutes), Joe and Tina Feeney (stewards for the Dodge-Center Rd section), T and Helen Clark

EMTI invited Joe and Tina to join the board and they accepted, but preferred to take one seat, which would be shared by Joe and Tina. Joe would serve as the main voting member, but would delegate Tina the vote if she attends in his place. **Vote:** Mary moved that we accept Joe Feeney as a new board member with Tina as partner. Nona seconded, **all in favor. Welcome Joe and Tina.**

Nona moved that we set a regular meeting date for EMTI. This would be the 3rd Monday of odd numbered months, meaning Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov. Sue seconded, **All approved.**

Clark Property discussion: T and Helen have worked for 13 years with Mark McEathren of Vermont Land Trust to successfully conserve 71 acres of his family farm, and continue to work toward conserving the remaining 150 acres of woodland. T's words of wisdom in working with landowners on conservation or trail easements is to have "patience", and get written testimonials from landowners who have successfully conserved their land. Nona has found this very useful in her work with conservation. One of her favorite quotes is from T, speaking of his decision to conserve his land for the future generations of not only his own family, but also for the public good. His inspiration came from a trip to Mount Desert Island which we are all able to enjoy thanks to the generosity and foresight of the Rockefeller family. T says that even though he is no Rockefeller, there IS something he can do. Thank you T and for thinking in such an enlightened way.

Dodge Rd Trail Report: Joe and Tina report that the trail is in great shape and it seems to be maintained either by the people who use it or by the legendary "trail fairies". The 2 boxes are up on trees and in working order though they both need new trail maps and notebooks. There are also 2 hanging trees which Joe and Carroll will take care of soon. Joe and Tina will get new blazes from Nona and fill in the gaps on the trail as well as place the trail posts in the Fairmont Farms field. Mary will order a new sign for the parking area, reading "East Montpelier Trail" in blue letters with white background

Stay on path

Mary will also ask Terri Conti at the town office to look up our right of way on the trail then speak with the landowners about moving their no trespassing signs so that trail users will not be confused.

Work for National Trail Day, June 2, 2007:

9:30 am at the Sparrow Farm trail head, and same time at the Center Rd trail head to cut the brambles and perhaps clear young evergreens from the trail closer to the Templeton end. Sue will send out reminders and make phone calls to get volunteers out.

Nona will email dates for regional trail work out to Kris Hammer

Next meeting July 16, 7-9 pm at Mary Stone's house

