

EMTI Minutes 9-09

Nov 9, 2009 at 234 Cutler Heights Road

Present: Mary Stone, chair, Patrick O'Donnell, Sandy Woodbeck, Sue Rikken, Richard Brock. (This may not be a quorum)

Chair Stone called the meeting to order about 7:30 p.m.

This first matter of business was a general discussion of the 2009 Carlton Smith money received. It has not all been used and the question was whether to turn some of it over to the Recreation Dept or the Four Corners Schoolhouse. Basically, without a motion, it was decided by consensus that Mary Stone would investigate this possibility. Issue: do the Rec Dept or the Schoolhouse have current need of the money or would they simply hold it? It was tentatively felt that EMT should reserve from the 2009 Carleton Smith money at least \$500 for spring 2010 work on the Sparrow Farm trail and \$100 for replacement signs.

The next matter was the minutes of 9-9-2009's meeting. R Brock moved approval. There was a discussion about whether the Town would accept title to the "missing piece" of the Cross Vermont Trail and whether EMT would manage that land. R Brock will call Greg Western at 655 6051 to seek clarification. Mr. O'Donnell then seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Chair Stone then relayed to the board the status of the Sparrow Farm Trail repair and reconstruction. By consensus it was agreed that she would write a letter to the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers thanking them for their work to date and asking for a spring 2010 walk of the trail to identify any remaining work that will need to be done. On reflection, the board decided to hold the remaining 2009 Carleton Smith money in a separate escrow account for spring Sparrow Farm work and for future repair of

acute trail damage for any and all trails.

Chair Stone then reported on the Mallory Brook Trail. Greg Western and Lila (?) spent a week working on it in the 2009 season.

There was then a discussion about whether the board should actively recruit users of the trails to assist with maintenance. Sue Rikken has worked at this and there is no substitute for calling people and asking them to help.

There was then a general discussion of job assessment for board members. All members agreed to continue for another year in their tasks, especially Chair Stone. The Sparrow Farm Trail project was time consuming but satisfying. The board thanked her and hoped that 2010 would be less time consuming. Patrick O'Donnell agreed to ask Jennifer Boyer's help in putting a trail map on the EMT Facebook page and writing a Signpost article noting that fact.

Richard Brock then asked whether or not any annual filings are needed with tax authorities. Sandy Woodbeck reported that there was a determination at some point in the past that EMT did not have enough income to require such filings.

There was no further business so the next meeting was set for February 8, 2010, site to be determined, and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Richard Brock, acting secretary

Post Script: Greg Western called R Brock 11-13-2009. Mr. Western reports as follows. The 11.5 +/- parcel in question was

sold to Habitat for Humanity and Cross Vermont Trail. It currently belongs to both. The East Montpelier review board with jurisdiction has approved a subdivision so that Habitat for Humanity will take 1 acre and build a house. The balance of 10 acres +/- will be subjected to a conservation easement. Mr. Western asked if EMT would hold and/or manage that 10 acres. EMT asked him to discuss that with the Town Administrator and the Selectboard. Eric Sharnberg (sp?) of CVTrail is in the process of doing that.