

EMTI Minutes - 6/14/2010

Present: Mary Stone, Nona Estrin, Richard Brock, Sue Chickering, Sue Rikken, Patrick O'Donnell, Sandy Woodbeck

4/12/2010 minutes were approved.

Trail Clean up day was successful. Frank Campbell picked up the trash left at the trailhead on Dodge Rd before we even had a chance to ask him. **Mary will write him a thank you note.**

Treasurer's Report: With approximately 24+K in an interest bearing bank account, after somewhat lengthy discussion, we decided to put 15K in a CD certificate account for 1 year that will earn more interest, and leave the rest ( \$9400) accessible for anticipated costs. **Richard Brock will take care of this transaction.**

Fencing along the Chapell Farm trail section. Bruce Chapell spoke with Nona earlier about putting up a new fence. Nona told him we might be able to contribute \$ towards these costs for the fencing along the trail, up to approx. \$1000. After lengthy discussion about this issue, no action was taken, but **Nona agreed to call Bruce and find out if he is going to submit a bill to the committee.**

Mallory Brook update: Trail is looking good for the most part. Greg Western has access to some cedar fence posts, estimated that he might need about 100 for a muddy section of the trail - may cost approximately \$350.

Sparrow Farm Trail update: Mary, Nona and Rick Hopkins walked the trail recently with Alexis, Matt Tetreault, Geoff Beyer and Kris Hammer, locating places that needed to be fixed. Mary sent a detailed email to VAST about what still needs to be done. Sandy said that VAST is pretty busy now, but we can't wait long because Geoff has the manpower to get some of this work done now. Alexis had wanted to bring in a machine to do this work. This is not a good idea, better for Geoff to do the work with his crew. MAMBA volunteers have also offered to help. Lack of clarity about where the actual town boundary between EM and Montpelier lies. **Mary will continue to be in touch with Alexis and Matt to nail down an agreement about what costs VAST is going to cover.** Concerns about the "old trail" led to the discussion of putting up signs warning of the danger of using it. **Sue Rikken will get "Trail Closed" (possibly DANGER) and "Detour" signs made up in the hopes that Jamie Shanley will put these up. Sue Rikken will also post this detour on the EMTI website.**

Holden Trail update: Janet McLeod has responded to our question about allowing bikes. No bikes at all, but horses will be allowed at certain times of the year.

Clark property update: Appraisal person ready to meet with the Clark's. All the money from all the different sources is on the table. Hopefully this deal will go through soon.

Other: Dan Smith ( Stone Farm on Horn of the Moon Rd) has raised concerns about the map being used, worried that the "proposed" trails are being shown somewhere as "existing" trails. **Mary will ask Rick Hopkins to look into this to see whether MAMBA has posted any of these "proposed" trails on its**

**maps, to verify that only the trails that ALLOW bikes will be posted on the MAMBA maps.** At this point, Dan Smith wants only bikes to go through his property, not walkers or runners.

**Next meeting is scheduled for: Monday, Sept. 13th @ 7:00 PM at Richard Brock's house.**