

EMTI Minutes
9/10/2012

Present: Mary Stone, Sandy Woodbeck, Rick Hopkins, Richard Brock, David Webb, Nona Estrin, Sue Chickering

Approved minutes from April 19th

Salmi Trail discussion: disappointing news about vandalism and un-neighborly actions by people who live along the trail. Several actions were discussed. For the time being, **Nona will call Austin and ask if it is possible for there to be a designated parking area at the entrance to the cornfield for 3-4 cars during the summer/fall months.** At some point in the future, we may ask Sandy Conti to intervene and ask the owners if it would appease them to have some sort of barrier (tree hedge, fence, etc) between their yard and the trail, but for now we will let this go. Homeowner is Karen Vivian for future reference.

Treasurer's report:

As of the 2nd quarter, the treasury had: \$15, 211 in the CD (designated for new easements ONLY) and \$9,144 in the TD North bank account. This latter figure includes \$1000 from the National Life grant and possibly \$1000 from the Carlton Smith fund.

Mallory Brook update: The committee approved paying Greg Western NO MORE THAN \$6,400 to finish all of the remaining work on this trail. **Richard will contact both the 4 corners school committee and the rec committee about possibly accessing Carlton Smith funds to help cover these costs. Mary will contact Greg to find out exactly what his plans and timeline are for completion.**

Boxes: Sue will get in touch with the GMC to find out whether they have used boxes we can purchase or whether we can get boxes from them at all. If they don't sell them, the Nature Conservancy might, like the one at Chickering Bog.

Sparrow Farm Trail update: To make a long story short, no work has been done on the trail, though various communications about potential work has occurred. As a committee we are contemplating speaking with Greg Western about the possibility of his help on this trail AFTER Mallory Brook trail is completed.

Railroad bed discussion: There is still no culvert or bridge over the washout. According to Sandy, there are two options with two different price tags. Both involve putting in a culvert and grading up and down on either side. The more expensive option would be between \$65,000-\$70,000 and have a less steep grade on either side than the \$40-45,000 option. Sandy still has \$1000 allocated from our committee to help with these costs. Lylehaven is going to repair this with a culvert and VAST may help with the costs.

Clark property update: Karen Freeman has indicated that they are moving forward with this parcel and easement, but there is still no closure. Hopefully sometime soon!

Front Porch Forum: the committee thought it would be a good idea to use the Front Porch Forum to post any trail activities, work days, etc. **Mary Stone will get any possible postings to Sue Chickering who will post through her account.** Sue Chickering updated the Facebook page with a cover photo (actually taken on Mt. Abe but a nice picture of a pretty mushroom) and the link to the trail map.

Other business: There will be a Planning Commission open meeting to discuss the Town Plan on Sept 20th at 7:00 PM at the fire station.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 4th at Rick Hopkins house at 7:00 PM

Meeting adjourned around 9:00 PM.