

EMTI Minutes 3/11/2013

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

Minutes: January 14th meeting approved unanimously. Richard Brock moved, Nona seconded.

Treasurer's report: We have paid Greg Western \$4138 of total of \$6400. Our current balance in the TD Bank account is 8,692. We have taken in 4300 and we paid out 4138. Greg is still working and we still owe him 2100 upon completion. We will try to do some fundraising through Front Porch Forum, the Signpost, the Bridge and our Facebook page. We need to raise about 1800. Mary will send Sue a blurb to put on FB and Nona will take care of the others. Nona may reach out to Betsy Austin to see if she is interested in donating to our cause again. We will try to keep close track of the folks who have donated in the past, and make sure we have sent thank you notes to all.

Town Plan: The town plan will continue to use our brochure with the map included and supports the objective of the completion of an eventual loop, circumnavigating the town. The hearing is scheduled for March 21st. Written comments are due by April 4th.

Trails around town: Virginia Farley expressed interest in working with the trails committee in the future. She has extensive background in conservation and grant writing. Richard will follow up on Nona's invitation to join our board. We spent a good deal of time viewing the maps of East Montpelier and trying to strategize ways to connect existing trails with proposed ideas. For the time being, using School House Road and Brazier road are still nice walking roads. The section that seems to be the most challenging to figure out is connecting from the trail head on Dodge to the trail head on Johnson Road. There are many land owners and some restrictions on some of these properties. By the next meeting Mary could have a clearer idea of who owns each parcel and who to approach. Rick H. will approach Birnbaum (there is a deeded trail easement as part of the Sparrow conservation plan), Vissering/Klein (they seem open to people walking and bicycling) and Dan Smith about figuring a route to connect to the Sparrow Farm trail from Jacobs Road.

Recruiting new trails committee members: Richard will contact Virginia Farley. Mary will ask Bob Klein if he is interested in joining us when he retires next spring.

Next meeting: Monday, May 20th 7:00 PM at Richard Brock's house.