

EMTI Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2017

Present: David Webb, Mary Stone, Jennifer Boyer, Richard Brock, Sue Chickering, Greg Western (guest appearance)

Minutes: September 12th Minutes approved unanimously with minor revisions.

Impromptu discussion about U32 Clark trails and signage in general: Greg Western will make the 2 trailhead Clark/U32 trail maps and send it to Jennifer to put on the sign template, and he will put up stakes as to where the sign on the U32 side should be located (near the tennis courts). Nona has volunteered to put stakes on the other side of the Clark trail and there are already stakes on the Powder Horn Glen trail (Starr's end).

Mallory Brook Bridge discussion: Jennifer B, David W, and Rick Hopkins were at the site visit with the on Saturday morning, October 7th. Jennifer and Rick were there on the previous Tuesday with the representative from the state. We were in agreement that the current logs would not be viable for the bridge replacement, but that they might be usable for creating new treads so they did not go to waste. We also discussed the pros and cons of a bridge without using the center pier which would have to be I – beams versus using the center pier and telephone poles that would then reach the sides of the brook. If and when we do start to work with long telephone poles, Greg Western says he has tools that can transport long poles that would work for this replacement. Richard will draft a letter explaining our stance regarding the use of the cut trees for supports, and our plan for going forward with the telephone poles as supports with the pier. We are hopeful that the felled trees could be put to use as planks for the treads so that they do not go to waste. If we can use the logs, then we could pay something to Chris for his work cutting them and getting them to the site, and possibly for cutting planks from them. Also for taking the old bridge down. The question of whether to pay Chris for his past work is still up in the air, but we can offer to pay him for future work if he continues to stay engaged in resolving this issue. David W. thought that Rick was going to contact Chris Pratt about this issue, so Richard will circulate his draft among our group for input and revision before sending it.

We should schedule a work date for cleaning up the river bed before winter. Greg would like to be notified of this date.

Should we send a thank you to Brian Phillips for building a nice reroute around the gully washout on the old rail bed on Rt 14...anyone know his address?

Next Meeting December 5th at Richard Brock's house at 7:00 PM