

EMTI
Meeting
10/03/2019

Present: Rick Hopkins, Mary Stone, Richard Brock, Sue Chickering, Jennifer Boyer, Maddy Mongan

Minutes: July 19th approved with a minor correction of the people present

Treasurer Report: Balance is \$14, 805, no expenses between July and now

Mallory Brook Update: Last month, Rick, Mary, Chris Pratt and Sandy Woodbeck went to the brook. Sandy said it wouldn't be hard to build a suspension bridge. Chris Pratt was fine with the rock hopping in the new spot upstream, agreeing that the old site was not a good spot anymore. There are rocks in this area that could be used to cross the stream. We just don't know how much of the year we would be able to use it. We need to get the word out that there will no longer be a bridge crossing over Mallory Brook, through the Signpost, and that this trail should be used "At your own Risk". We need to find someone who can build a staircase up the far side of the bank. We can check with Greg Western and also check with Anne Carter to see if she has any names of possible Boy Scouts who might need an Eagle Scout project. The River Conservancy is also a possible resource for us. Chris is going to eventually remove the cables once we get a work crew together to try to get rid of the debris in the river and reroute the trail to the north of the old crossing. The Hunting Allowed signs needs to be put back up at the beginning of the trail at both ends (Johnson Road and Cherry Tree Hill Road), and reminders to keep dogs on a leash during hunting season.

Conservation Commission: The Select Board wasn't too keen on the initial idea of creating this extra layer of possible bureaucracy. Charles Johnson and Bruce Howlett are going to present a proposal of how it would work realistically. There is a Select board meeting this coming Monday, October 7th at 7:30 PM to discuss this. Mary thinks it would be a good idea for the town to hire a facilitator or coordinator to oversee the groups and volunteers that would be working under this umbrella. Please go if you are available.

Weed whacking: The town has a contractor, Tim Frazier (Creative Visions, LLC) who mows the rec fields, around the town hall, etc. We could ask Tim Frazier if they could help us with cuttings (3x per season) on Sparrow Farm, along the boardwalk and then along the fenceline at the far edge of the woods, Center Road towards Powder Horn Glen, Center Road going towards Templeton Road, behind the Fire Station along the power line section, County Road to Esther's Rock. Ideally a person would do these cuttings three times a year; early summer, mid-summer, late summer. We also wondered if the Co-housing residents might want to help us with the trail that goes right next to their property. It would help if on one of our Trails Days we could also widen some of the corridors on our trails.

Trail Signage: Jennifer has been talking with several sign companies. She spoke with John Miller – Sign Design on Barre Street. The new signs she showed us were printed in China. Jennifer went with the WorkSafe company with UV coated signs, thinner than the old ones. Daniel, the contact, said that even though they are thinner, they shouldn't crack. We currently have 500 made and paid for. Where the Clark trail ends and the U32 trail starts, it is confusing to know where to go. There is also a problem where there is a boardwalk and there is a short cut trail going to the parking lot. Maybe we can enlist Nona's help to clarify this area so people don't get lost. We still need a box of aluminum nails to put up the signs. Jennifer will be the keeper of the signs and we need to make a printout with the guidelines so

there are not too many signs, the nails should be not be nailed in all the way to allow for tree growth. With regard to hunting on the Clark land, they put signs up "Hunting may occur on this property, dogs must be kept on a leash." We could offer to let them use signs that we make.

Sparrow Farm North: There are new owners who have bought the house behind Les Birnbaum's house. We are hoping to get written in on the easement deed that EMTI are the designated trail managers. Maddy will touch base with Sumana about the trail easement.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 7th @ Richard Brock's house