

EMTI meeting notes 1-10-17

Present: Richard B, Dave W, Madeline, Josh, Mary, guests Loring Starr, Michael Dworkin, Chris Pratt, Charles Johnson

Treasurer report from Richard

Excellent slide show provided by Josh Ryan on the history and work Timber and Stone has been doing in the Northeast over the past 15 years

Discussion on how to manage the repair/replacement of Mallory Brook bridge  
Objectives to keep in mind:

- Safety and longevity

- Esthetic appearance-retain some of character of old bridge

- Inclusion of local hand worked materials

- Possibility of using a portable lumber mill

- Milled lumber for structure/rough hemlock or cedar planking/log rail

- Include local youth and adults in construction

Chris and Josh will meet on the site to continue the discussion and plan  
Then Josh will write up and estimate

Discussion of new Ormsbee Trail

- Loring and Michael generously welcome the public to use their trails, and can accommodate parking (with some planning) 2-3 vehicles.

- Need to talk to town road crew, on how to best manage this if we make parking along the road

- Talk to Jean Vissering to see if she is willing to make a drawing of a 2-3 parking space tucked into the corner trail access

Next steps: Mary contact Sumana Surchan of Vermont Land Trust to include the new loop and spur to the stream on the easement map and document

Richard Hall will ask Gary Butler whether he intends to continue grazing cows in the wetland, in which case we will need to build a "stile" to cross the fence

Rick Hopkins work with MAMBA to locate best route for bikes

Mary will ask Richard if it is ok to start skiing on the property

Hope to be ready to clear and put up signs on National trail day in June

Other business: Madeline will communicate with Bruce Johnson about the best way for EMTI to access town funds for trail maintenance and construction

Dave Webb will pursue a community grant for construction and placement of the new trail head signs

**Next meeting: Monday, February 13, 7 pm at Richard's house**