

## EMTI minutes 2-17

Present: Madeleine Mongan, Jennifer Boyer, David Webb, David Burley, Mary Stone, Sandy Woodbeck, Sue Chickering

Minutes approved unanimously, Mary moved, David B seconded.

Treasurers: \$15679 in our CD. \$7384 is the balance in our checking. We have \$3000 in reserve which is in the checking account. When our CD rolls over we could put \$2000 back into our checking account, but we can discuss this then. Mary suggests we DON'T so we keep earning interest on it.

Trailhead signs: Using the Mallory Brook template, we would like to apply for a grant for possibly 9 signs, primarily on the conserved trails to start. David W researched what it would cost per sign, going with 10 to be safe. The structure costs about \$50 in materials. Labor and preservative stain would be in addition. Greg suggested we use the weather resistant paper, possibly laminated. Dave talked with Sign Design and the quote was \$160 for 10 using corrugated plastic that lasts a long time. David will check with Greg about the cost of the weather resistant paper and if the ink is special to resist bleaching and he will ask Greg to send the template to Jennifer, who offered to do the layout. We can order the paper from Amazon and either have Greg help us and reimburse him or have Capital Copy do the printing. The grant from Outdoor Gear Exchange is \$1000 and this would likely cover these costs. Nona could be a good resource of what to put on each sign. Once Nona weighs in, Jennifer is willing to do the layout for the signs.

Parking Report: Mary met with Mike Garand about a pull off at the Ormsbee trail crossing and he was fine with creating this. He can accommodate a pull off to accommodate 2-3 cars and he will also plow it in the winter. Mary emailed Carol Johnson, the closest neighbor, because it is in sight of her house, but she has not heard back from her. The other end of the trail is on Loring Starr's property. There will be room for up to 3 cars at this end as well. The neighbors are also fine with this and Mike is OK with helping us with this as well. The town will supply labor and machinery at the site, but we will have to buy the gravel and boulders. Jennifer and Tony have boulders that perhaps could be used. Once the snow melts we can look at them to see whether they can be moved, and who can do it. We can check with Mike, or with Patrick McCoy to see what is possible. It might also be wise to wait a year and build the Center Road parking first. We also need a more defined space on Wheeler Road for the Karen Clark trail.

Sparrow Farm boardwalk issue: The boards we put too far apart so it is a real challenge for dogs to walk on it and people are tripping over it. Sue suggested that we look into the wire that Millstone uses for their boardwalks. MAMBA will take care of it. They think that the best solution is to pry them up and put them back together. Sue will share thoughts with Rick H, Chuck and Dan. Mary will email their email addresses to Sue. We may need to help with supplying some lumber.

Mallory Bridge update: Josh and Chris Pratt met and they wrote up a plan for the bridge replacement. Chris would like it to stay rustic. Josh is trying to meet Chris's needs. this is still in the planning process. Josh will write up an approval and price it out, once he creates a design that Chris approves of. WE believe Chris agreed to pressure treated wood for the under structure of the bridge.

Town meeting: Richard will be at the Pre-meeting and we are going to ask for \$4000. Madeleine will talk with Bruce about becoming a line item as long as we don't have to give up our Non-profit status. Madeleine will report back to let us know the details of this conversation. It is not a definite that we will get money because of other demands.

Next meeting: Monday, March 13th at 7:00 at Richard Brock's.