

## **EMTI minutes 11-19**

**Attending:** Richard Brock, Dave Webb, Jennifer Boyer, Madeleine Mongan, Lauren Padilla, Mary Stone

Minutes from 10-19 accepted, these minutes recorded after the fact as remembered by Mary, with updates from work done post meeting in parentheses.

**Treasurer report**-no transactions to report, Richard wants to move to paperless statements. (Mary went to the bank to make that change.)

**Joining the town:** Maddie will draft a letter to the select board to open discussion about how EMT can join the town, but maintain a separate organization with non-profit status to secure new trails, not to construct or maintain existing trails. She will have time in her schedule to do this in about 2 weeks

From Rick by email: As a board member of EMTI, I am in support of selectboard creating an EM Conservation Commission provided CC, as a statutorily authorized com'tee of the town, is covered by the town's insurance AND with the understanding -

- \* trails com'tee shall become an ad-hoc subcommittee to CC
- \* trails com'tee shall be able to maintain its 501c3 non-profit status
- \* CC shall make no decisions about new trail establishment and existing trail maintenance without majority support of trails sub-com'tee members
- \* the dollars in EMTI's existing endowment fund be maintained as a separate pot of money and funds therein remain dedicated to its original intended purpose
- \* use of endowment funds shall be unanimous decision by trails sub-com'tee members with majority consensus approval by members of CC
- \* treasurer of trails sub-comm'tee shall report to chair of trails sub-comm'tee and shall submit an annual report to the chair of CC concerning income and expenses
- \* chair of EMTI shall be one of the appointed members of CC (trails com'tee chair can designate their alternate)
- \* trails sub-comm'tee cannot be disbanded without unanimous decision of CC
- \* in the event EM CC is to be disbanded, the trails com'tee shall revert to its former independent self.

**Mallory update:** trail reroute is laid out and signed, with stream crossing now as a self guided rock hop, or slog through the water. (Jennifer rewrote the trailhead signs to alert people of this, and she also put up the hunting season, leash dog signs. Jennifer and Mary took care of the smaller debris from the windstorm on the trail from Cherry Tree hill side, but there are 3-4 more logs that need to be cut with a chainsaw)

We will probably need new stewards for the Mallory trail-Sam and Becca have a new baby. (Mary emailed Becca and Sam to find out if we should replace

them-maybe we should ask the couple from Center rd who were featured in the signpost)

From Rick by email: By email I informed Chris Pratt of the re-route on Mallory Brook trail leading users to the rock hopping site and asked him to let you or me know when he has pulled aside or removed all the material he wants / used from his bridge project.

I have not heard anything from him.

I am not sure where things stand with trying to get volunteers to the bridge site to help remove debris.

The next time I am on that side of town I will try to head down the trail from Johnson Rd to see what happened to the brook and all the debris after the high flows from last week's storm.

**Sparrow Farm North:** Lauren is willing to take the lead in working with the new owners-Janet Powers and Christopher Yannoni. She will also talk to Flor (and Dan Smith) about using their MAMBA trail to get us to Horn of the Moon Rd. We talked about inviting Christine and/or Bob Fitch to think about joining the trail board. Lauren will also communicate with Geoff Beyer regarding his winter grooming plans for ski trails in the North st-County Road area. (Madeleine has uncovered that we are probably already designated trail manager and she and Mary are poised to contact VLT and Janet Powers.)

**Work odds and ends:** Tim Frazier-lawn care service-Eick is still trying to connect with him to show him where we need help. Tim is interested, but hard to reach. (It looks like that will have to happen next spring!)

Clark trail at the Supervisory Union confusion-Dave suggested we may need a post with a directional trail sign to show walkers how to find the trail.

Dave says he and Josh are ready to put up the Hagget road sign-the last one until we have new trails. (The signposts are in and Jennifer has affixed the trail map.)

**Signage:** I think we are all agreed that we can post no camping symbol on our trailhead maps, but the hunting season signs will be attached to the signpost during the fall hunting season.

**No update on Bobolink Farm:** We are hoping that Josh and Bruce can meet up again to identify the area/s in which the trail will cross to Pratt property. We will need to show these locations to Chris so that we can get started on making a plan to construct the trail.

**Next meeting:** we suggested two dates for the next meeting. Dec 12, and Jan 9. It was uncertain whether a meeting was needed in Dec. We normally do not meet in Dec, but there seem to be many loose ends with the 1, joining the town and 2, Bobolink trail progress.

Apologies for not assigning a minute taker, and for leaving anything out, Mary