

East Montpelier Trails Committee Meeting
May 28th, 2019

Present: Rick Hopkins, Mary Stone, Jennifer Boyer, Lauren Padillo (potential EMTI member), Dave Webb, Sue Chickering, Richard Brock, Nona Estrin

Minutes: from the April meeting approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report: We are in good shape financially...Yay!

National Trail Day June 1st 9:00 am: Not a lot of things that need to be accomplished. A tree on the Clark trail needs to be done and Charles will probably take care of this.

- Signage is the most pressing issue - there are paw print signs available and old ones need replacing (Templeton to Haggett needs attention)
- Ormsbee Trail - Sue will do leaf blowing on Ormsbee and signage as well (meet up with Loring to get more signs – she has about 20). There are 5 (8') posts that need to be purchased to replace the metal posts that are there already (will need a post hole digger to put these in). This project will have to be done at a later date.
- Sparrow Farm Trail – Dave will set the sign post at the trail head, Lauren, her relatives and Kathy Russell will clean the debris on the bridges and replace old signs and fill in one of the holes. Also a boundary sign East Montpelier-Montpelier line is needed. We believe that the best tree to mount the sign is on the right hand side going down the trail. Rick will create this sign to be put up some time in the future.
- Mallory Brook – We need some temporary signs to direct people how to get around the slash pile and the logs to show them the way to the trail. The owner Porter would need to be contacted. Richard Brock will contact him and Mary will get signs to Richard to put up.
- Chapell – Holden trail – Charles, Chris and Nona will scythe this trail along the fence line, meeting at 9:00 am on Center Road. Then Nona will put up more signs on Clark Trail as well.

Formation of a Conservation Commission: Richard Brock motioned and Dave Webb seconded a motion to pursue supporting this effort, joining together with the Conservation Fund Committee and others, with the presumption that the insurance provided by the town by this action will be worth the tradeoffs of dealing with more bureaucracy. We unanimously approved this decision. Mary will send an official email to Charles letting him know we support this idea.

Bobolink Trail update: Richard will share our draft of the trail easement we agreed upon with the Bruce Howlett for his final approval, with the understanding that there is still not exact clarity regarding the route.

Lauren Padillo has decided to join our committee. Yay!

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 18th @ 7:00 PM on Sue's porch (1013 Chickering Road)