

East Montpelier Trails, Inc ---Minutes 12/2/03

Meeting at Mary Stone's house, attended by: Jamie, Carroll, Sandy, Andi, Mary (minutes), guest Rick Hopkins from MAMBA (Montpelier Area Mountain Bikers Asso.)

Dodge Road trailhead parking improved and trail access blocked to vehicle traffic- Chris (?) will pursue sign replacement. Mary will handle sign for winter parking along Dodge Road. Jamie will send thank you's to the signpost

Brazier/Pratt Andi reported that the current goal is to continue working on completion of the Mallory Brook (Pratt) project separate from the Brazier deal, which is not as far along in negotiations.

Fundraising:

Mallory (489 acres)	Total needed	\$400,000
	Total raised	\$175,000 includes \$100,000 from VHCB

Freeman Foundation is still a possibility and they will be approached for anything from \$100,000 to balance needed for completion of funding.
Closing target date May 2004

Brazier(approx 200 acres)	Total needed	\$550-600,000
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VHCB will be asked to fund \$350,000, the maximum funded for any individual project

Andi and Nona are working on contributions from individuals-please let them know of anyone you know who may be interested in making a donation to these conservation projects

MAMBA Rick Hopkins is interested in becoming a member of the Trails group to represent the interests of the mountain bikers in the area who use the trails. MAMBA is a new group formed as part of a greater Vermont Asso of Mtn Bikers (VMBA) to "advocate responsible trail use, perform trail maintenance, and secure additional riding areas in the Montpelier area." Rick would like the association to be added to the call list for trail improvement and new trail development. All present were pleased to have a mountain biker on the board, but I think we decided to vote next meeting to make it official because there were so few in attendance...

Some concerns we had for MAMBA: If our trails are added to the MAMBA website (info@bikeMAMBA.org) than we intended for our trails, which in turn may cause additional erosion and possibility landowner and walker concerns (in the case of large groups cycling together).

A positive outcome of the association would be that we would have a resource to address the above concerns. Some trails are designated for multiple use and are currently used for biking

Cross Vermont sorry I have no notes for this-I think Rose called me during the meeting to update, but I did not write it down!

For next meeting Mary will talk to Marlene at town offices about current situation on County road where we'd like to create a trailhead on Fitch property