

EMTI Meeting 7-13-04

Attending: Jamie, Sandy, Carroll, Alex, Cate, Eric, Madeline, Mary

Minutes from 4/27/04 approved

XVT Eric and Madeline met with John Warshaw (Winooski Hydro), John Colton (?) of GMP, Mark McCeathren and Darby Bradley of Vermont Land Trust, and Bev Hill of City of Montpelier to discuss trail easement from Mont town line to river crossing. Warshaw wants us to use the U32 easement plan and is willing to give us the NE corner of his property including the old bridge abutments. Discussion on whether we should give up on the original plan to use the old rail bed all the way and whether we should contact Steve Terry (GMP) for his support on that. Question: should we let Montpelier deal acquiring the Avis Barnes corner?

Next step is for Mark to draft a letter to Warshaw giving easement to XVT and EMTI for NE corner and abutments. Madeline will follow progress on that. And Mad. And Eric will talk to Darby about pursuing full easement on railed.

RT 2 East VYCC starts next week on 3 weeks of trail clearing. Paul Cate will mark trees for clearing along a remote section.

New Folks Alex and Cate Robb would like to be involved in the trail group especially in working on clearing and maintenance. They use the trails a lot and wish to contribute their time. We all welcome their participation at any level. They are currently looking for a house and are waiting to see where they will be before committing to the idea of becoming EMTI board members. Please add their email address to your list and remember to let them know when you have trail work to be done. They plan to attend Sept meeting! acrob@hotmail.com 229-0686

Pratt Nona could not be here, but sent message:

“... trail work, ...we should have some discussion about what needs to be delegated...particularly in the light of major trail design, and building of the new sections. Although they will not be built this year, we will need a plan completed by Nov. 15. The closing is planned for August, and stipulates a plan for management, etc by opening day of hunting. I just gave that date to Aaron at the Trust for Public Lands today. He needed something for the closing documents, now being prepared. It was the latest date feasible for them. It seemed like that would give us some time to pull something together.

Some questions, not for the Trust for Public Lands, but for us as we look at trail work: Who writes grant proposals for construction (Mallory Brook bridge, etc)? Who organizes work parties? Who decides which trail class we use where? How are designs finalized? Obviously any trail used also for winter snowmobile route needs to be collaboration with Gully Jumpers. The crossing of Mallory Brook also needs to be further down stream in the less sensitive section, but still needs to get across at a good point. The landowner will have say in this, as will we all. Etc. Could you read this or share it at the meeting.”???

Sandy advises to make sure there is a GPS measured, deeded easement for the trail at the time of closing. Also it is important to keep the management plan for Pratt very general. It should include these materials:

map of alignment of trail

Copy of stewardship form

Guidelines for trail construction

Inspection form

Appointed a subcommittee of Sandy, Carroll, and Nona to write the management plan.

Dodge Rd trailhead Mary ordered a No Motorized Vehicles sign to replace the Road Closed sign at a cost of \$18.75 which Mike Garand installed as of 7/20. She may contact Paul Guare about location of his no trespassing signs, perhaps making thee offer to post another small sign requesting trail users to respect private postings-hoping that he may then be willing to take his sign down from the parking area.

Rick also couldn't be here but is working on the clearing of the Esther Salmi section of trail for bike access.

Next Meeting Tues September 7 at 7 pm at Mary Stone's

