

## **EMTI Minutes 3-22-05**

Present: Jamie, Sandy, Mary, Eric and Rose for CVT at 8:15

Low turnout provided for an enjoyable recap of skiing and snowmobiling experiences of winter 2005!

Fitch: Discussion of ways to approach the Fitch parking/trailhead negotiation which hopefully will happen this spring. Mary spoke with Martha Fitch who was sick with the flu, but will get back to us to set up an informal meeting with Mary and Nona in the coming weeks. We will try to purchase a 1 acre parcel on the southeast corner of the 11 acre piece with a 25 foot wide trail easement along the southern property line. The Carlton Smith funds of \$4500 will be earmarked for this project. Since the property of 11.1 acres is valued at \$26,900 we would hope to settle on a max of \$2500 for the 1 acre piece, and then approximately 650 feet of trail easement at about \$1-\$1.50 per foot. We will use remaining funds to grade and surface a parking area for 5-6 cars with some sort of barrier of trees, shrubs or boulders to block access to rest of property if necessary. We will also need to request abatement of taxes from the town and plowing for the parking area. Part of the negotiation will include the need to subdivide the property.

Sparrow Farm Trail: Carl Etnier called Jamie to inform us that one of the new plank bridges MOMBA put in has been rotated out of position and he was concerned that someone might be hurt on it.

CVT: Eric gave us an update on new trail sections in Plainfield and their various complications.

He would like us to review the Memorandum of Understanding he drafted for the Fish and Wildlife parcel along Rt 2 so that he can complete the preparations for summer work on the trail. Jamie and Carroll (we volunteered you, Carroll) will meet with him at lunch in Montpelier to go over their edits. Sandy already sent Eric his notes on the document.

Next Meeting: Tues April 12....we made this with only 3 present so please check your calendars and let me know asap if this does not work for you-we can come up with another date!