EMTI MINUTES 12-08-08

Present: Mary Stone, Sue Riggin, Sue Chickering, Nona Estrin, Sandy Woodbeck, (?) Rick Hoppkins, Rick Brock, Patrick ODonnell (excuse spelling!)

Last minutes were approved and seconded.

Treasure's Report accepted. Rick Brock states that he needs to meet with Nona and Kim Kendal to re-align old books with new books. Nona will call Kim.

Carlton Fisk Fund was discussed by Mary who reviewed history and has written down, for the record, how the funds can be used. This information will be used by Patrick O'Donnell for specific projects. Several needs for this money were discussed.

The \$4,000.00 remaining in the '05 Minister Brook/Mallory grant was extended to end of '08, and was spent this summer to put in more culverts and re-ditch the Minister Brook Trail. Nona has submitted the request for reimbursement to Forrest and Parks. Still outstanding.

Trail Maintenance: Sue Riggin reported on the Holden Trail- some balsam growing up. Some too large to do anything but cut. Trail crews were discussed.

Nona will send all pertinent information to board for lobbying on behalf of the grant EMTI is hoping to get from Enhancement for the Clark Property easement. This property connects with U-32, and will provide the go ahead to connect Pratt with Cross Vt Trail.

Thank you to Jennifer Boyer in Signpost- nona

Sparrow Farm Trail Destruction. The rest of the meeting was taken up with planning and discussing a complex response to this unexpected problem. Web site mention? Town Report mention? Signpost? Letter to Editor? Russ Barrett? Trail crews in summer. Response to individuals? Etc., etc. This will take long to repair, both the trail and the relationships.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting, 7:00pm, Feb 9th, 2009, at Richard and Sara Brock's, at end of Cutler Drive in East Montpelier. (off Center road just before County Rd, Center Rd intersection)