

EMTI Minutes 4-13-09

Present: Nona Estrin, Mary Stone, Sandy Woodbeck, Sue Riggen, Richard Brock, Patrick O'Donnell, Sue Chickering

Richard mentioned that he has not been getting bank statements from TD North. He and Nona will go to the bank this coming week together and straighten this out.

Newsbrief! \$3800 grant came into the fund from Forest and Parks to reimburse fund for work done on trails, some of which was water bar work on Minister Rd

Sparrow Farm Trail Update: Mary will put up a laminated "Trail Closed until further notice" sign at the top of the damaged area (or higher up if possible). Geoff Beyer said he would post it on the Montpelier side. (Got news that this sign is posted at the trail head as of 4/16/09 – Thank you, Mary!) Richard will draft a letter to the Selectboard letting them know we will be happy to meet with them regarding the restoration work. He also suggested we speak with Bruce Johnson. Geoff Beyer thinks Keith Porter, one of his experienced crew members, might be a good supervisor for EM trail work.

Other logistics regarding this project: Geoff said he would talk with Tom from VAST to coordinate the terms of the work that needs to be done. A contract will need to be agreed upon by VAST before work is actually started. Mary will continue to work on this with Geoff. Sandy expects the estimates to be between 20-30 K.

Carleton Smith Fund: We need to request \$ to cover our brushhogging, signage, posts and boxes. Patrick O'Donnell will contact both Ed and Hoby to find out how much each of them is requesting and offer to meet with them to determine how much we can expect to be able to receive. Mary will make sure Patrick has what he needs. It was not clear how much money was in the actual fund, Sandy thought about 50,000. Mary said that the interest available was approximately \$6,000

National Trail Day: June 6th. Sue Riggen will post article on town website and in the World Calendar, Bridge and Times Argus for a work day on the Holden Trail 9-12 on this day. Looking for people with chain saws, clippers, weedwhackers, loppers. Put it on your calendar!

Work Days with Greg Western are set. Sue Riggen will make sure that Greg posts these in local papers. The dates are 5/17,6/20,7/26,8/15,9/13,10/10 from 9-5 each day.

Rally Day Trail Relay Race - second Saturday in Sept. Richard Brock and Nona Estrin will look into this, maybe contact Bill Merrilees for assistance in setting something up, for individuals or teams, walking or running.

We still await news on the Clark property grant that adjoins U32 property. This is \$ from the Forest Legacy.

Next meeting set for June 8th, 7:00 pm at 1013 Chickering Rd - Sue Chickering's house. Directions: Take route 14 north from EM village to Hammett Hill. Turn left on Hammett Hill, take first right on Guyette Rd, then first left on Chickering Rd. Follow to the very end of the road.