

East Montpelier Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2009

Present: Richard Brock, Mary Stone, Nona Estrin, Sandy Woodbeck, Sue Chickering

- Approved "revised" minutes.
- Discussed the EMTI Bank account - current balance is \$21, 894.
- **Carlton Smith Report** - Selectboard approved approx. \$1800 for the trails committee - plans are to use this as a contingency fund for the Sparrow Farm Trail restoration if needed. An email from Patrick O'Donnell on the night of the meeting said that The funds will be available on June 15th and that Terri Conti will mail the check to Patrick who will get to Richard Brock to deposit.
- The Ferno situation was discussed briefly and seems to have resolved itself for now.
- **Sparrow Farm Update** - A large group surveyed the damage on the Sparrow Farm trail> nona will follow up contacting Alexis Nowalk or Matt Tetreault to facilitate a meeting with the operator and others so that the work that needs to be done is clearly defined with all parties involved.
- **Clark Property Update** - Good news on the Highway Enhancement Funds finally coming through and Housing and Conservation Board also seems back on track - so hopefully this money will happen which makes it look very promising for the trail easement to come through on this section. We'll have to wait and see what happens for sure.
- Culvert blockage behind the firehouse - Sandy Woodbeck suggested contacting the town about putting in a larger culvert and filling in around this. Rick Hopkins (who could not be present) suggested building a bridge. At this point, Nona will contact Bruce Chappell to check with him about repairing the culvert.
- **Mallory Brook Trail** - Fallen tree (s) need attention . Charles is planning on trying to work on some of this the week of June 8-13th. Anyone who wants to help should contact Charles.
- **Holden Trail update** - Successful work day on National Trail Day, June 6th - a lot accomplished and a big thanks to all who helped out!
- Phone call from Jamie Shanley during the meeting indicating that several big trees are down on the Sparrow Farm trail. He will fill out a walk through form, scope it out and clean them up.
- Nona said that the town needs to be reminded that the trail will at some point in the (hopefully not so distant) future, be a loop. We should be thinking of what to do for PR for this, especially with the potential of the Clark property easement on the horizon...
- Discussion of the roots on the Holden Trail and what to do about them. Nona will speak with Spike and Janet and ask if they have a preference of how to deal with them. Sandy thinks that just cutting them out makes the most sense. Nona is thinking that they may want to put chips down, but that could be a major undertaking and not sure if it will hold up in the long run.
- Next meeting scheduled for September 14th @ Richard Brock's house at 7:00 pm.

- Other notes from Patrick O'Donnell who could not be present follow:
(Center/Dodge Rd Walk-through notes:
 - At Dodge entrance, the trailhead parking sign is missing. The post is up, but the new sign is gone.
 - I need to nail up a few more small EMTI signs in the middle wooded area of the trail in both directions. There are a couple potentially confusing spots and some signs worn down to blanks. Hopefully someone has 5 or 6 signs I can get?
 - Trail box - Dodge Rd: laminated map on the outside but no maps/brochures inside. No contact name that I could see either.
 - Trail box - Center Rd: no laminated sign on the outside, no maps/brochures inside either. Also, no name of trail contact person.
 - A recent comment in the Center Rd notebook - A mountain biker had to move a tree stump out of the way in the last week.)