

EMTI Minutes - 4/12/2010

Present: Mary Stone, Richard Brock, Nona Estrin, Rick Hopkins< sandy Woodbeck, Sue Chickering

2/8/2010 - Minutes approved with one correction that Mary will send Sue.

Trail Report

- National Trail Day is June 5th! **Sue Rigger will send out an email about June 5th** to all the volunteers about work day 9-12, but a walk through beforehand is necessary, maybe Matt Tetrault would be willing to volunteer some VAST members. **Mary will check with him.**
- A sign is once again missing from Dodge Road trailhead, may have been taken 2x. Instead of replacing, **Sue Rigger will put up a white blaze.**
- Work on Mallory Brook is not completed yet. Rick walked it and it was not wet up from Cherry Tree Hill. Greg Western is still working on Mallory brook trail, as well as XVt and the two connectors from U32 with grant \$.
- Nona remarked that all nails holding up signs should be aluminum so they won't ruin a chainsaw in the future
- Sue Rigger stocked all boxes and put up signs at all boxes except Sparrow Farm trail. Nona said that **Charles would be willing to fix the box and replace it with Nona's help.** Mary and Nona plan to go out and walk on the Sparrow farm trail soon (on 4/16) to check it out. There may be trees down.
- There are several down trees by the firehouse. **Charles Johnson has been volunteered to take care of these.** A particularly large tree is on the trail off Center Rd. Folks have been going around it. **Richard Brock offered to work with Charles on this tree on National Trails day.**
- **Chris Stone will do brush cutting again and Charles has been volunteered once again 😊 to brush cut with the scythe.**
- Esther Salmi Trail is OK. Richard Hall said he would try to fix it up and even it out a bit (where the trail was rerouted onto Bair's land). **Rick H. will talk with Richard about moving the rock with his tractor, using straps so as not to damage it.**

Update of Clark land

- Nona, VLT and TPL testified before the legislature, affirming the need for funds from VHCB. Bruce Chapell also testified to the vast number of people who have employment due to the trails. Appraisal has been ordered so when it is done, the hope is that the Clarks will still be interested in selling their development rights and a trail easement. Nona is hopeful that this will come through at some point. Deegan's will grant permission to cross their property, but are not interested in anything permanent. The trail could always bypass Deegans if necessary, going from Hawkins to Clark.

Trailfinder

- Richard Brock talked with Geoff Beyer to validate its efficacy. The effort involved in primarily GPS mapping all of our trails. Kris Hammer might be happy to do this when/if we decide to do this, but we still don't want to be the first in the area to be listed, so we will re-visit this in the future. We will continue to peruse info out there as things develop. The contact person for Trailfinder is Clare Rock.

Other

- Mark Catlin said people are driving their vehicles down Minister Rd. Discussed whether asking the town to turn this into a trail would help. The selectboard would have to take action on this to help protect it by restricting 4 wheelers (if this is legal)
- Anna Saxman and David Webb are interested in joining the board. Mary will make sure they know about the next meeting on June 14th at Sue's house (FLAG DAY)
- The coyote on Dodge trail was shot by a landowner (same family that put chocolate down to kill coyotes 2 years ago) who thought it died where shot, didn't know it ended up on the trail. It has since been removed (by Willem Lange) to more remote location to decompose. Game warden was alerted.
- Mary has the idea to make some cheaper laminated trail parking signs which might not be so attractive to steal.