

EMTI minutes

March 14, 2011

Present: Mary Stone, Richard Brock, Nona Estrin, Patrick O'Donnell, Sue Chickering, David Webb

**Minutes:** from January meeting were approved. Richard B. moved, Mary seconded, approved.

**Treasurer's report:** We currently have \$8,365.00 in our checking account at TD Banknorth, \$14,950 in our CD at North Country Federal Credit Union ( along with a \$50.02 share). To keep our non-profit status we need to file taxes with the IRS. Richard will take care of doing this. Kris Hammer was the one who noticed that we were on a list to become delinquent and he let Nona know. Richard will also put a reminder on an annual "tickler" calendar he has to remind us to do this every March. Without further mention of other financial discussion, let it suffice to say that Nona put it, "We put the "fun" in dysfunction!"

**National Life Grant (\$5000.00):** Greg Western is still working on acquiring this grant. Richard needs to provide our financial statements with an explanation about the fact that the vast majority of our funds ( all but about \$1500, are earmarked for leveraging money to obtain easements, and these funds are not allowable for us to spend on trail maintenance. Ideally some of this grant would be used for the stairs on Mallory Brook, the entrance to the Mallory Brook Trail from Minister Brook Road. We decided that on National Trail Day, we would ask Greg to do some demonstrations of doing "naturalization plantings", take some pictures and submit a press release about his work to the newspaper.

**Carlton Smith Fund:** There is currently \$1269 available. Patrick will get in touch with the other two groups, the rec. committee and the 4 corners schoolhouse committee and see how much each of them would like to use. We would like to use all of our third of this money, about \$400, if possible.

**Esther Salmi Rock:** discussion about the rock led us to the conclusion that the "Squeaky wheel gets the grease". We need to keep making contact with Fairmont Farm to let them know that we would really like this moved by May or June of this year. Nona saw Betsy Austin, the donor of \$27,000 in Esther's name to our funds. Nona and Mary will plan to take Betsy on a walk and show her where Esther's rock is sometime, ideally after it is moved to its new home, or beforehand to get her input about where it should be placed. Mary will continue to call Fairmont Farm on a regular basis. Nona will call on Bruce Chappell for his assistance with this matter as well.

**New Trails Committee Member:** David Webb was voted onto the trails committee unanimously with a motion by Richard Brock and a second by Mary Stone. Welcome aboard, David! He plans to get in touch with Sue Rigger to see if she needs assistance with the coordination of trail stewards, etc. Since Jamie Shanley has not been attending meetings of late, we will regretfully remove him from the committee until further notice. He will be welcome back anytime he is able to start participating in our meetings. With too many people on the committee, it is hard to get a quorum for votes on occasion.

**Election of officers:** We will hold election of all officers at our May meeting which will also be a "walk and Talk" meeting to be held on the trail, starting at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, May 4th at the Town Forest pull off on Haggett Rd. Public are welcome to join us. Reminder to bring some orange marking tape and stakes to mark Esther's Rock relocation spot. Also, on this day, David Webb and Sue Rigger will hopefully give us the names of people to call to remind about helping out on National Trail Day.

**National Trail Day Reminder:** National Trial Day is June 4th. Remember to bring trowels and cloth to transplant ferns and other small plants along sections of the Mallory Brook Trail.