

EMTI Minutes  
7/18/2011

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

**Treasurer's Report:**

No transactions this time period. Currently \$15,000 in CD that matures in early November. Still \$ in the Carlton Smith fund for us to tap into. We can always advance \$ if we need to and reimburse ourselves. Received \$50 from Naomi Almeleh again this year.

**Minutes:**

Approved May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes

**Flood Damage:**

VAST Trail: Sandy Woodbeck described the damage done on the VAST trail north of route 14 along the railroad bed. Since it would take a prohibitive # of dump truck loads (250) and access is impossible for trucks to get in and out, the Gully Jumpers and VAST have decided to build a bridge, the total cost being approx. 60 K. They will need to get a permit from the Development Review board and Sandy has not applied for the permit yet. If the project goes forward as planned, Sandy will need a lot of strong, able-bodied volunteers. The bridge will need to be 120 ft and put in place with a crane. Sandy will update us about this at the September meeting.

Mallory Brook Trail: Charles plans to remove debris that had washed up against the bridge. There are two gullies that have been washed out pretty badly, so rock steps will have to be reset on these. Greg Western says that he can fix it. Nona made a motion and Richard Brock seconded the motion to pay him up to \$2000 from the Carlton Smith funds to finish up this work. Unanimously approved. **Mary will tell Greg we would like to hire him for this completion of Mallory Brook.**

**Esther's Rock:**

We will have to postpone the moving of Esther's Rock due to the corn being planted in the field now. **Sue will get in touch with Austin in late August to try to set up a date for this**, keeping in mind that Austin was the one who originally found the rock and placed it there. Sue had spoken with Austin and left several messages for him earlier.

**Culvert behind firehouse:**

There are two small culverts that are covered with gravel at this point to make this trail passable. **Mary will call Mike Garand and ask if they can possibly put in one big culvert to make this a more permanent fix.**

#### **Mowing and Boardwalk:**

Rick Hopkins asked for permission to rent a large mower to mow from County Road to Esther's Rock. Richard Brock made a motion and Nona seconded it to approve this request. Motion unanimously approved.

We have already approved \$300 to build a board walk over a wet section near Esther's Rock. Rick had to leave before we found out whether this had been done or not. **Rick should please call Sue (so I can add to the minutes) and describe the location of this boardwalk and whether it is completed yet.**

#### **Sparrow Farm trail:**

**David Webb will coordinate with Geoff Beyer on the repair to the steep section of the trail,** otherwise trail seems to be in good shape and getting a lot of use.

#### **Boxes:**

Some of the boxes are in need of repair. Sue collected the box at the lower section of the Sparrow Farm trail and brought to Charles' house so that he could repair this. The box on Holden's driveway was put back up on the stake already and seems to be holding up OK for the time being.

#### **Geocache:**

Larry Clarfeld asked permission to put two geocaches along the Sparrow Farm Trail, within the trail easement or in the town forest. Richard Brock moved and Nona seconded the motion to approve this plan. Unanimously supported.

#### **Next Meeting:**

Next meeting will be on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at Sue Chickering's house at 7:00 PM