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Minutes of meeting: Board of Directors, East Montpelier Trails, Inc. January 16, 2012

The meeting convened at the Hopkins residence at about 7 pm. Present were chair Mary Stone, Rick Hopkins, David Webb, and Richard Brock. A quorum was not present.

The first matter was minutes of the last meeting. No one recalls seeing any. Anna to find out if she would like to continue on the board. There then followed a discussion about how often the board should meet. No resolution was reached. The next meeting, however, will be on April 9. At that meeting we will determine whether we need to meet on May 14 and resume discussion of how often the Board should meet.

There was then a discussion of communication with trail stewards and utilization of volunteers. Generally, the volunteers require predictable dates and jobs. E-mail seems to work well

The discussion then turned to Trails Day. It is the first Saturday in June, this year June 2. The consensus was to focus first on construction of a plank way over a wet spot on the trail from County Road to Esther's Rock. If there are enough workers, the second priority would be clearing the brush on the Center Road to Templeton Road trail along the Chappell property.

Treasurer Brock presented his report for 2011. It was a quiet year. His miscalculation of the amount on deposit in late 2010 led to an overdraft covered by Mary Stone and Nona Estrin. The overdraft was from a payment on prior work. On reimbursement the loans to Mss. Stone and Estrin were repaid. A gift of \$25 was made by Kari ??? and Greg Western and Mary Stone obtained a grant of \$3000 from National Life Insurance Company. The former is unrestricted and will be matched 200% by the Annie E. Casey Foundation if the Treasure can figure out how to formally submit the request. The latter is dedicated to work on the Mallory Brook Trail, with \$1000 suggested donation to the Gully Jumpers for flood recovery on Rt14 rail corridor. Greg has also applied for a YCC Transportation Enhancement grant to fund one week of trail work on Mallory this summer. Should know in April. The \$15K CD at North Country FCU matured in November and was renewed. The TD Bank checking account has over \$11000. The Board will consider applying for Carleton Smith money in April for the materials for the improvements to the trail to Esther's Rock, and for the balance of the cost of flood repair on Mallory brook and finishing improvements from the bridge to Johnson Rd.

In view of the financial situation, Rick Hopkins asked that we consider buying a bench to place near Esther's Rock. There may be other places on the system where a bench would be an amenity.

Treasurer Brock will do an IRS form 990 tax return for the corporation.

Next Meeting April 9, 7 pm, no location designated as yet