

EMTI meeting minutes 9-12-2017

Present: Josh Ryan, Tom Schmidt, Maddie Mongan, Mary Stone, Richard Brock, Nona Estrin, Sandy Woodbeck, Jennifer Boyer, Dave Burley, Sue Chickering, Rick Hopkins, David Webb, Chris Pratt

Minutes approved unanimously (7/18/2017) Treasurer's Report:

7,329 in the TD checking account

15,726, including 3000 from the town

PUMP Update - Mallory Brook management plan: We voted unanimously to maintain this plan as it is. Maddie will make sure that the town, VLT, Chris Pratt and VHCB are in agreement with us to keep the plan. This will give us time during the winter to review and revise the PUMP if necessary. Thank you Maddie!!!

Mallory Brook update: It appears from Chris Temple's evaluation that we need to replace the bridge, without a middle support, if we choose to have a bridge. Sandy Woodbeck suggested we buy two 45' telephone poles to use for the beams/stringers for a new bridge. If the old permit can be found then maybe we could repair the bridge and use the center pier. Is it possible to get longer poles? Our next step would be to ask if the state River management program person can come to the site and advise us as to how to proceed. Rick Hopkins will get in touch with this person to come and give us input and we will also get Chris Temple's notes from his site visit to make a better informed decision. Josh was skeptical that the telephone poles might not be long enough and an I beam might work better because it could be longer and stronger. We will get back to this situation when we have more information to make a decision of what to do. Unfortunately, if Chris Pratt had known that the center pier might not be a viable option, he wouldn't have put 50 hours of manpower with several other people working alongside him.

Ormsbee Parking update: Guthrie Perry from Worcester met with Mary at a both ends of the trail. He had some easy solutions at minimal costs, creating a space for three cars st powder Glen road which would cost us about \$250. On Center road, he can create a space for three cars in the summer and two in the winter and he will keep it plowed in wintertime. He will do this before the beginning of October. Once the parking spots are built it will be more clear where Josh and Dave should put the signs.

Clark update: Josh will talk with Mark Chaplin about where to out the railings on the bridge near U32. Nona recommends that we put a chain between two posts at the beginning of the trail from Wheeler road and Seth Gardner is OK with whatever we choose to do. Maybe Josh and Dave can deal with the chain and cedar posts when they put the sign on Wheeler road. Tom suggested that we use a brightly colored marine rope. Mary has some brightly colored rope that she will put with the signs to be used. Bikes and walkers should be able to go around this obstruction. Mary suggested that Nona put stakes where she would like them to go.

Signpost article: it would be nice to have an article in the upcoming signpost. Loring Starr might be willing to write a short article about the completion of the Ormsbee trail and the completion of the sparrow farm boardwalk. Mary will ask her to do this.

Sign committee: Jennifer, Nona and Mary will meet to discuss this.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 10th 7:00 PM

