

EMTI Minutes 4-26-18

Present: Nona Estrin, Dave Burley, Maddy Mongan, Rick Hopkins, Jennifer Boyer, Sue Chickering, Mary Stone, Richard Brock

Minutes: approved unanimously

Treasurer Report: We have received a couple of contributions, from Mark Bilian (November? Good works Network? \$25?) and Ken Hertz (\$100) We spent \$200 for the Mallory Brook permit

Mallory Brook Stream Alteration Permit: which allows us to use the center pier on the new bridge. East Montpelier is the manager of the trail easement held in by the Vermont Land Trust. Chris Pratt as landowner and contractor still needs to sign this document before it is submitted to the Department of Environmental Conservation - Rivers Program. Rick H. took responsibility of getting this to Chris Pratt and getting it to Jaron Borg at DEC. Rick has been checking in with Chris on a monthly basis. Not much has been done at this point. Some work on the downstream beam. Cables are reattached and reinforced. He is in position to bolt together the downstream logs (three) and he will still need to put together the upstream logs (five), the treads and the railing. He did say that he would do a "push" in May and would like some help. From our perspective he will need to find folks himself.

Trail Maintenance Procedures: Dave has been giving Maddy some feedback and Mary had some thoughts for organization of this document, starting with general guidelines to specific guidelines for each trail individually. For each trail we should designate a "Trail Steward" for each trail. Since Dave Webb is in charge of this area, for now he should be the contact person, who can get in touch with the trail steward who needs to be involved. Mary, Maddy and Dave will continue this discussion to formalize and finish this document outside of our meeting time. Dave can also contact designated trail stewards to see what their preference is for being contacted for trail maintenance. Rick said the document should not be for "public distribution". Also it has been requested by Chris Pratt that signs be put up telling the public that "During hunting season, all dogs must be on a leash".

EMTI Website: Jennifer wanted to share that there is a “Tax-deductible Donations are welcome” and directions to send to Richard Brock on the website.

Bobolink Trail: Josh was absent but he is going to meet with Bruce Howlett this coming Sunday to walk and flag this new trail. Bruce said yes to the 10-year renewable easement/lease. Dave and Josh are going to put in the trailhead posts and backboards at both ends of the Karen Clark Trail soon. Jennifer will create the signs to put on these posts soon.

Sparrow Farm Trail: Josh and Rick are going to walk along the chronically wet sections, the idea being to construct a number of small bridges over these wet areas wide enough to accommodate a mower. Rick won't be around for the trails day (first Saturday in June), but they can investigate this beforehand. If Dave is willing to lead this project, MAMBA might be able to add it to their list of things to do. Some people might be able to help transport the materials from the Shapiro community to the site.

Calais/East Montpelier Trail connection: Richard Brock will see if he can get hold of the Calais trail map to see where the closest connections might be. Maybe we can set up a meeting in July or August with representatives of both committees. Jennifer will also talk with Erika Mitchell about this. Elliot Morse also owns land on Horn of the Moon Road and it connects eventually to Fitch's land. A spur trail up to Long Meadow from Dave Burley's side would also be really nice. There is an online map of the land parcels in East Montpelier that is maintained and updated by the listers.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 24th, 7:00 PM