

EMTI Meeting Minutes

5/21/2020

Present: Sue Chickering, Mary Stone, Richard Brock, Rick Hopkins, David Webb, Nona Estrin< Madeline Mongan

Minutes approved from April 23 meeting unanimously with a correction that Nona noticed and we rectified

Treasurer report: Spent \$1700 for the Mallory Brook work. Got a \$250 contribution from Ken Herz. Thank you card has been written. We have a good amount of money in our accounts.

Bobolink: We will get an update from Josh at our next meeting. **Madeline and Richard will find the current easement for us to review together and send it back to Carol and Bruce so we are all on the same page.**

Ormsbee: We are excited that we will soon have our bench back in place. Everything is in order to make this happen when Josh returns from Maine..

Mallory Brook: We agreed that we would ask Chris if he would like to build a bench to go next to the new crossing. Mary and Rick will determine who will ask him. Lauren Oates and Matt Giovanni are our new stewards of this trail and they have a good idea about where the bench should be situated. They are highly motivated to take stewardship of this trail. There is a tree that needs to be taken care of with a chain saw.

Sparrow Farm North: Lauren reported that she was trying to make contact with the new owners, but is not having any luck yet. They live out of state.

Esther Salmi Trail: This trail needs a new board walk because the old one has rotted out. This will cost about \$800. We will keep the phone pole sills as they are still in good shape. It will be a three layer structure and we will use pressure treated 1x6 stringers for treads. Maybe we could use sandpaper shingles so it is not so slippery. This might raise the cost slightly. We approved for Rick to order the materials from EMHC and Fontaine. Hopefully we can do this project on National Trails Day.

National Trails Day: Boardwalk on Esther Salmi trail would be a good project. We might need to talk with Richard Hall about the need to park more cars there that day. Cutting the tree on Mallory Brook is another short project. Geoff Beyer was hoping we could get a crew to move some rocks along the fence line so that it could be mowed again. He didn't want to mow again unless they were gone. This could be another project for National Trails Day. Dave will get back in touch with Geoff about this issue to find out whether if we do move the rocks, he would be willing to mow this section 2x a summer. But one project is better with our small numbers for this particular day. The bridges on Sparrow farm also usually need cleaning. Nona volunteered to do this. Charles and Bruce will scythe along Chapell's boundary.

Insurance report: Richard and Nona got a liability quote (about \$1000/year) from Noyle Johnson. The carrier is Western World Insurance Company. This is something we could afford. We don't need to act on this information, but it is good to know. We won't need this if we continue to become part of the town's oversight.

Organizational support is available: There will be a subcommittee of Nona, Mary and Madeline to talk about what Becca Jordan (who has volunteered to organize paperwork) could do for us as a volunteer. It would be great to get all of our materials in a central place and well organized. Richard, Madeline and Nona could for a committee to talk about this organizational process. Mary will put all the documents that she has on a thumbdrive.

Benches: Rick H has a couple of planks and thoughts of where he would like to put them. **We will table this discussion to our next meeting.**

Bicycles: it is very dry at this point so we agreed that bikes could be allowed on the trails now.

Mowing: We agreed unanimously to pay Tim Frasier to mow all of the trails that need mowing except for Sparrow Farm for the time being, approximately \$850, twice a summer.

Next Meeting June 25th? Via ZOOM? 7:00 PM