

**EMTI MEETING**  
**October 10, 2018**

**Present:** Jennifer Boyer, Rick H., Dave Burley, Maddy Mongan, Mary Stone, Sue Chickering, Nona Estrin

(before Sue arrived to take minutes, we worked on Jennifer's trail map drafts. Huge thank you to Jennifer for the progress in getting consistency and accuracy in our trail descriptions)

from Sue:

**Mallory Brook:**

Discussion ensued about what to do about the situation with the bridge and lack of progress on this bridge. Dave B offered with his structural engineering background to take a look at this in the meantime. Rick H suggested that we should contact Chris Pratt with a letter from our committee regarding our disappointment that this has dragged on for another season. We will also tell him that we want to be notified when it is done so that the Vermont Land Trust to come and make sure that it is a safely built structure for the public to use. Maddy suggested that we copy the letter to VLT and VHCB who hold the easement. We will send this letter around January 1<sup>st</sup>, imploring him to figure this out. We have been waiting for the past three years for this completion. Mary wondered if we should in fact contact VLT or VHCB to inspect the bridge now and see if they have any ideas to offer. Chris Temple from DeWolfe was the original engineer whose opinion was shared with us in previous meeting notes. Rick will jot down some suggestions about how to word this letter.

**Plan of action:**

- Rick will talk with Greg Western to get his perspective on the situation and share the Chris Temple's report with Greg. Mary will share this report with Rick ahead of time.
- Maddy and Mary will meet with VLT and VHCB, ideally at the site
- Rick will draft a letter of what to say in the letter we send to Chris in January.

**Karen Clark Trail:**

Jennifer asked Greg Western to reprint the Karen Clark Memorial Sign because it was crinkled and not attractive.

### **Bobolink - 10 year temporary easement:**

Rick spoke with John Page, who was recommended by Greg Western, who sent back a retainer letter stating that he will charge \$180/hr and if paralegals are employed they will charge \$85/hour. Maddy and Rick will try to do as much work up front as possible to minimize our costs. We will table this decision until Rick can be at the next meeting. Rick has started a draft document that we would need to involve Bruce and Carol review before we take it to a lawyer for finality.

### **Vermont Trails Network:**

Do we want to be a part of this? Do we need insurance and/or do we have need to have liability insurance for this? We could probably afford the \$500 insurance that was talked about at our last meeting, plus \$250 and both on an annual basis. We will table this discussion for the time being.

### **Next Meeting:**

We would like to invite our trail stewards to come to our next meeting on **November 14<sup>th</sup>**, location to be determined. Mary will ask Dave Webb to send out an invitation to all of the stewards.