

Readfield Trails Committee Minutes

January 26, 2022

Present: Paul Bessette, Nancy Buker, Jackie Drouin, Greg Durgin, Steve Hayes, Greg Leimbach
Rob Peale, Holly Rahmlow, Henry Whittemore

Excused:

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. at both the town office and on Zoom.

Jackie agreed to be timekeeper.

We began by reviewing the minutes from October 27 and December 7. There was one change in the October minutes.

Henry moved the October minutes as amended be approved, and Jackie seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

Henry moved we approve the December minutes; Rob seconded. All approved.

Jackie reported that we didn't spend any money in November. In December we spent \$1,632 on 68 yards of blue stone. Also in December, we received another \$250 in honor of Ken Clark. Donation balance is currently \$1,003.46. Jackie said there may have been an error in allocating funds to the Trails account, so we don't have an exact balance. Our carryover is currently about \$1,600.

We had some discussion about the presentation of the treasurer's report and ways to make it more reader friendly. Henry offered to help Jackie with the Excel spreadsheet.

Steve moved we approve the treasurer's report; Henry seconded. All approved.

We decided to table the discussion of a sign for the chestnut tree until the Mill Stream use issues are settled. Henry has written up three paragraphs about the tree and sent them to committee, so we will be able to act quickly when the time is right.

Next on the agenda was the strategic plan. Henry sent his revised, much briefer, strategic plan to the committee to review. We discussed it briefly and decided it suits our needs. Aside from grammatical and spelling changes to be done via email, Steve moved that we adopt the plan. Greg L. seconded. All approved.

Steve reported on the condition of Maranacook Trails, which he said continue to be used daily. He noted that he moved a rock blockading one of the trails to keep people off it. He said obstacles could be a hazard and shouldn't be used on the trails. He had no news on his efforts to find out more about the management/ownership of the school trails, which they use for cross-country skiing.

Rob reported that Brian wants to continue our one-year agreement with GAUD on the Carlton Trail. The committee agreed with that plan.

Budget meeting is Feb. 3. Rob will be unavailable, so Greg D. and Jackie agreed to go in his place.

Rob presented the budget he and Jackie put together and explained his reasoning and the costs. Trails will be asking for \$3,168 from the town.

Today Rob and Steve met with the landscape architect and other town residents and the town manager about the Fairgrounds project. The discussion about the layout of the baseball fields and basketball court was preliminary. The landscape architect will be coming back with a site plan that will give us a better idea of how the project might affect the trails.

The ongoing issue about the locked superintendent's kiosk at Maranacook has been resolved. Greg D., who had the original key, said that he had two keys made for the lock on the kiosk only to discover that the lock is gone. Access is now open to anyone by sliding the glass. Committee agreed that this would be fine. If vandalism occurs, we will have to reassess.

If we have a meeting in February, it will be on the 23rd, but Rob said he's not sure we'll need one.

Henry moved we adjourn; Steve seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Holly Rahmlow