

Readfield Trails Committee Minutes
January 22, 2019

Present: Nancy Buker, Greg Durgin, Jeanne Harris, Bob Harris, Greg Leimbach, Rob Peale, Holly Rahmlow

Excused: Ken Clark

Unexcused: Henry Whittemore

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

The minutes were approved with no changes.

Jeanne said that our current account balance is \$1,276.86, after a charge for delivering bluestones.

We reviewed the final draft of the trail map. Greg L. made a motion to approve the map and print a quantity not to exceed 250 on the heavy stock that Robin suggested we use. Greg D. seconded. Rob wanted someone to interact with the town office on the printing, and Holly volunteered to do that. Greg L. mentioned that we would want paper that would hold up to weather. We will also want some copies laminated to post at kiosks.

Greg D. submitted a budget to the Budget Committee for \$2,510, but we are not going to get new money; instead we will use our carryover. He went over the itemized budget, which will be presented to the Budget Committee on February 12.

Nancy asked if our budget has a separate line item for the donations we've received through the kiosks or from other sources. Jeanne is going to check with Teresa on that.

A picnic table that was at the Fairgrounds Trail and was moved to the Mill Steam Dam is going to stay there.

Wood chips are available to the Trails Committee to use to provide a better hiking experience at the Esker Trail located at the Readfield Transfer Station property. This work will be done once warmer weather arrives.

Rob updated us on plans to build a new connecting trail in town that would provide access to Rosmarin land and other recreation areas.

We had some discussion about the best way to approach the abutting landowners. Greg L. suggested using a casual approach to the landowners.

Greg D. said Eric will be submitting an RFP for enlarging the Fairgrounds parking lot. The larger parking lot would interfere with the way the trails on either side currently meet. The RFP will include a new connecting trail, which will be part of the work done by the winning contractor.

Greg D. said the New England Forestry Foundation is close to making a purchase of the Draper property. The NEFF allows trails on their other properties, so they will probably be allowed on the new property as well.

Greg D. reviewed an August email in which Rob suggested some signs for the Esker Trail, including one pointing out a view of the bog east of the trail. Greg D. suggested a sign like the ones from the CDC warning about ticks. Nancy suggested a metal one like her snowmobile club has on a trail. She thinks it might have come from Clark Signs. Rob is going to follow up by comparing the two types of signs and let Greg D. know which he prefers so he can have them made.

We will need to plan something for Heritage Days and will talk about that in future meetings.

Ben McIntosh has moved out of state and has officially resigned from the Trails Committee.

By mid-April Greg D. has to have the Trails report in for the annual town report in case anyone has input to offer.

Rob asked Nancy if there is a current snowmobile trail map. She says it is about eight years old, but still fairly accurate.

The next meeting will be February 26.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Holly Rahmlow