

Readfield Trails Committee Minutes

January 26, 2021

Present: Paul Bessette, Nancy Buker, Greg Durgin, Bob Harris, Jeanne Harris, Greg Leimbach, Rob Peale, Holly Rahmlow, Henry Whittemore

The meeting, which was held via Zoom, was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

The October minutes were approved.

Jeanne announced that we have \$1,221.28, with \$1,098.46 of that being donations in honor of Ken Clark.

At the October meeting Nancy said she thought that we had arranged to have donated money kept separately from the funds we get from the town. Rob looked into this issue and notified us via email that we cannot keep those monies in a separate account unless we set up a whole different nonprofit organization, such as the association the Readfield Firefighters have. This involves quite a bit of paperwork. Eric said that unless we do that all moneys will be kept in one account and the town records will not reflect any donation totals. Since we are unlikely to have future big donations, the extra effort does not appear to be worthwhile.

Rob presented the final document for the agreement with the Greater Augusta Utility District on the Carleton Pond trail. GAUD approved the trail agreement so once Trails approves the document it will be presented to the Select Board for approval.

Henry made a motion to accept the document Rob presented on the trail agreement with GAUD. Paul seconded. All agreed.

Greg L. updated us on the ad hoc Parks and Recreations Committee meeting, on which he and Rob are the representatives for Trails. Greg said he suggested planning an event for Heritage Days and possibly another event during the year. There seems to be a lack of clarity regarding the overall purpose of the committee and how it would work and there are no immediate plans for any events.

Greg D. talked about the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee, which is being expedited by KVCOG. The first informational meeting was in December; the second in January. Anyone is welcome to join the meetings, which are on the third Wednesday of the month. The first phase is information gathering, the second is community input, while the third is to make recommendations about where we want our town to be in ten years.

Greg D. said he and Eric and Jerry Bley from the Conservation Commission aided Romaine Turyn of the Age Friendly Committee in submitting a grant application for \$2,500 to place a bench above the superintendent's office and to add blue stone to trails in the area that are wearing, have exposed geo tech, etc. The grant will also provide blue stone to the eventual pulling stone historical site before the dedication ceremony possibly in the summer of 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Holly Rahmlow