

Readfield Trails Committee Minutes  
May 28, 2019

Present: Paul Bessette, Nancy Buker, Ken Clark, Greg Durgin, Greg Leimbach, Holly Rahmlow, Henry Whittemore

Excused: Jeanne Harris, Bob Harris, Rob Peale

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

Henry moved that the minutes be approved. Paul seconded. Approved unanimously with one abstention.

With Jeanne absent, Greg said our budget for the fiscal year is \$1,808. Out of that we have \$ 1,186.86 left. About \$90 was spent on blue stone in May.

Greg L. agreed to be the timekeeper.

Greg D. updated us on the trail realignment at the Fairgrounds parking lot, which is being redone. We discussed whether the trail even needs to be realigned. Apparently there was some concern about safety for those crossing the parking lot between trails. The committee agreed that the new trail should be located on the outside of the new parking lot as close to the rocks as possible. Greg is going to approach Eric with our concerns.

Henry is looking into the status of the Draper property. He talked to someone at the New England Forestry Foundation. Henry said the information he received is that it is progressing but very slowly.

Rob and Bob considered going to the Select Board about the Morrill Road trail but Eric said to hold off until after the election.

Greg L. said that Kents Hill work day went very well, with a good sized group and nice weather tending to the Esker Trail.

We discussed David Trunnell's proposal from last month's meeting for a picnic table and trail leading to a Port-a-Potty. There was some confusion about the exact location he has in mind.

We discussed options for trails in that area and the conservation land near it and the possibility of eventually using the snowmobile trail to reach the Rosmarin preserve. One safety concern for trails is crossing Route 17.

We all agreed that we are not interested in getting involved in Port-a-Potties and picnic tables, as they are not a trail issue, and that our immediate focus is the Morrill Road trail.

Greg D. asked for a couple of volunteers for Heritage Days (August 10). Several people said they will be gone in August.

Greg D. said we need some work done on the Fairgrounds Trail near the cemetery.

Nancy asked about the Maranacook kiosk, which has still not been updated or repaired. Greg D. said he and Bob will see to it.

Greg D. said he is interested in checking out some other trails, such as the Oxbow Trail in Waterville, which are undergoing upgrades, in order to see what they are doing.

The picnic table will stay at the Mill Stream Trail area.

The next meeting will be June 25.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Holly Rahmlow