

**Readfield Trails Committee Minutes**  
**September 24, 2019**

**Present:** Nancy Buker, Ken Clark, Greg Durgin, Jeanne Harris, Bob Harris, Greg Leimbach, Rob Peale, Holly Rahmlow, Henry Whittimore

**Excused:** Paul Bessette

The meeting was called to order at 6:29 p.m.

Holly passed out copies of the May minutes. Several matters were discussed before Henry moved that the minutes be approved with the changes discussed. Jeanne seconded. Approved unanimously with three abstentions.

Greg L. agreed to be the timekeeper.

Jeanne reported that the current balance in our account with the rollover from the last fiscal year is \$2,510.

Greg D. moved that Ken continue to serve as vice chair. Holly seconded. All approved.

Rob moved that Greg D. continue to serve as chair. Henry seconded. All approved.

Rob moved that Jeanne continue as treasurer and Holly as secretary. Move seconded and approved.

Re. Morrill Road project: Rob has compiled a list of items to be discussed with the Select Board and Eric. They include the culvert, road surface and safety of crossing Route 17. We discussed the best way to approach different issues and paperwork that Rob should have in hand when he presents the project to the Select Board.

Nancy said she has a copy of the discontinued Morrill Road plan (by Dan Harriman) and could get a copy made. Motion made and approved that she will get a copy made at Copies Etc. and get it to Rob before the Select Board meeting and submit bill to Town Office.

Greg D. outlined plans for work for the Maranacook Juniors on October 3. The plan is to work on the section of the trail from behind the library and Union Meeting House over to Church Road. They will be clearing weeds and then putting down geotech and blue stone.

The Kents Hill School kids will be volunteering on October 21. There's no exact plan yet, but some ideas for needed work were discussed.

We also talked about stewardship of trails, working more closely with KLT and the Conservation Commission's planned work around the old fairgrounds' pulling-stone area.

Greg L. reviewed a meeting he and others (Nancy, Rob, Greg D., Bob) attended with the Conservation Commission and representatives from other groups in the region, including the Greater Augusta Utility District (GAUD) and New England Mountain Bike group and the president of the Readfield snowmobile club, regarding the GUAD Carleton Pond Reserve. They are looking for ideas for developing the recreational possibilities for the area. Greg L. suggested we start incrementally with getting permission for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing, where they currently allow some snowmobiling. Greg D. said he would let everyone know when they are going to have a meeting to investigate next steps.

Nancy asked about the progress regarding a sidewalk on Church Road. Greg D. said he'd check on it.

Nancy asked about the rocks that were a problem at the Fairground parking lot. Greg D. said Anna is working on that.

There is no new progress on the Draper property.

A history walk on the Esker Trail was cancelled due to rain. Nancy asked if it was going to be rescheduled and if the trail needed to be fixed up before then. Rob said the trail is in pretty good shape and the history event will be rescheduled.

Bob updated the kiosk at the Maranacook school.

Nancy asked whether we shall permit the use of e-bikes on the trails. Greg D. said he would refer it to the Conservation Commission.

Nancy passed out a story about the Orono Bog Boardwalk, which she said was amazing.

The next meeting will be October 22.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Holly Rahmlow