

Readfield Trails Committee Minutes October 25, 2016

Attending: Ken Clark, Ann Keilty, Gary Keilty, Bob Harris, Jeannie Harris, Romaine Turyn, Greg Durgin, Nancy Buker,
Absent excused: Christine Sammons, Rob Peale,
Guests:

Meeting called to order at 6:45 by Chairperson Gary Keilty

The committee had a late start due to the alarm being on. Eric had to come and turn off the alarm for us so we could enter the building.

Ken agreed to do this month's minutes after the meeting had started.

1. **September Minutes – Romaine** – Romaine didn't have a chance to put last month's meeting minutes together.
2. **Treasurers Report – Jeanne** – reported that our committee's current balance is \$1,030.00. Our annual budget amount is \$2,417. The Trails Committee has spent \$1,387.00 year to date.
3. **Mill Stream – Bob and Greg** – Bob Bittar is willing to give a section of his property, 10 feet wide, for public access onto the dam. He would like to limit access to the number of people walking on the structure at the same time. Jerry asked him for more than a 10 foot access strip. Bob said that he is ready to sign an easement for the dam access.
Bob Bittar and Jerry spent an hour walking the trail up to and around the lookout. Bob said that he would like to do a 5 year access agreement for the trail and the lookout area.
Greg and Bob Harris discussed fundraising progress for the dam improvement – Viles turned them down. Greg said there are still many other funding avenues open.
4. **KHS Work Day – Ann** – the Kents Hill work day went very well. Everyone was happy to be there and worked hard. The teachers supervising the kids pitched in as well and a lot was accomplished. Ann served cookies afterward and all in all it was a fun day.
5. **Senior Survey – Romaine** – 115 surveys were completed on-line or mailed in. The age mix/representation of the surveys was good except for a lack of 'over 80s' taking the survey. The data has been turned over for analysis by the AARP people doing the survey. Romaine is hoping to be able to present a preliminary analysis of the Readfield data to the public at the November 14th Select Board meeting. Still to be conducted are the Focus Group meetings, Romaine didn't have a date for when they would be conducted.
6. **Stone Wall Clearing – Romaine** – across from the stone bench on the Fairgrounds Trail, Bob took down some dangerous trees and limbs. While Bob was doing that, Romaine cleared the area and threw the debris over the stone wall, make the sight lines a lot more attractive. Bob and Romaine

also cut up downed trees by the ballfield and stacked the wood. There was a suggestion that it be offered to the public, as long as the town agrees who would be allowed to take it. Romaine suggested that we should do a work day to clean up the sides of the trails. And that we could even rent a chipper or wood splitter.

7. **Facebook – Ken** – Ken said that he is posting items and Trails news fairly regularly to the Facebook page that he created. Romaine (thank you) did a demonstration on her phone of how Facebook works and what the Trails page looks like and brought up some of the pictures from the page.
Ken will contact Robin, at the town office, to ask her to put a link to the Facebook page on the town's Trails webpage.
(Follow up – Ken met later in the week with Ann and Gary and set them up with a personal Facebook page and a link to the Trails Facebook page.)
8. **Eric Re: new members – Gary** – no new members or applications to join the committee.
9. **Lower trail work, Bruce Chandler – Gary** – Gary has an opportunity for us to use a different kind of rock and stone on the trails than the 'blue stone' currently in use. The new stone is the same price and will form an equal or better base than the blue stone. It's more course, it has small stones, large stones and dirt intermixed. Gary brought a sample of the stone in for us to examine.
The new stone was used on the lower trail to rise the trail in the low areas and some the slope so that it is more accessible. The addition of the rock will also improve the run off.
10. **Esker Trail – Ken** – Rob and Ken met previously to review the town maps – Rob laid in the boundaries on the maps and the list of land owners whose property are crossed or abut the trail were reviewed. Trail Agreements will be asked for from those people whose property the trail crosses. Ken and Rob would like to talk to the people whose property the trail crosses to discuss their property's usage and whether they'd be willing to sign a trail agreement prior to Ken and Rob approaching the Select Board with the proposal.
11. **Other Business – Greg** – Tom Donegan, from the Rec Board, Greg and other Rec Board members have developed three names for the ballfield. These names will be submitted to the Rec Board for approval at their next meeting, in January or February. After approval by the Rec Board, the names will be presented to the Select Board.
12. There was a motion to adjourn at 7:45.