



Readfield Trails Committee Minutes

February 28, 2017

Gile Hall, Readfield, Maine 04355

Present: Nancy Buker, Greg Durgin, Bob Harris, Jeanne Harris, Gary Keilty (Chair), Ann Keilty, Holly Rahmlow, Romaine Turyn, Becky Walsh.

Excused: Ken Clark, Rob Peale.

Guests: Jerry Bley, Bruce Hunter, Dale Potter-Clark.

Chair - Gary K. called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

Nancy B. volunteered to take her turn as secretary, pro-tem.

Agenda was taken out of order to permit the guests to present their items and be excused from the meeting.

Time Keeper: Romaine T. was designated time keeper for the meeting.

3. Trails and Conservation discussion on Parking Area at Fairgrounds-Bruce Hunter & Jerry Bley:

Gary K stated that a potential safety problem had been identified at the Fairgrounds parking area with youngsters biking in the parking lot and mothers with baby carriages going through the lot while vehicles are parked there during the times when sports activities are held on the grounds. Gary stated that a suggestion was made to install removable bollard(s) at the access point near the Kiosk to restrict bikes and carriages. However, he proposed an additional trail be constructed to connect the Upper Fairgrounds Trail with the Mc Dougald Trail to encourage bikers/pedestrians to flow outside the parking area. He suggested to place a base material, cover with 4-ft wide geotech fabric, and a final coat of bluestone. Bruce H. and Jerry B agreed that the use of a loam pile on the premises could be used as a base/filler. Project may be accomplished this spring.

Mill Stream - Jerry B. stated that as soon as the snow goes, he will proceed with DEP permitting for this project.

4. Readfield Historical Homes - Dale Potter-Clark: A 'Home and Garden Tour' is being tentatively planned for the Readfield Heritage Days on August 12, 2017. As a partnership with the Readfield Historical Society and Trails Committee, any funds raised from the sale of tickets would be shared between the two groups. Suggestions for this activity in the Factory Square area were discussed, such as viewing historical homes, stone walls, gardens, etc. Volunteers will be needed to facilitate the self-guided tour, monitor tickets, parking, etc.

1. Approval of January, 2017 minutes - Gary K: Motion made by Romaine T. to accept the January 31, 2017 minutes with correction (add - Jeanne H. as excused absent); Second by Greg D. Voted to approve.

2. Treasurer's report: Jeanne H. reported - Trails Committee account balance is \$1029.98.

5. Church Road Sidewalk Plans: Gary K. reported he had met with Eric Dyer, Town Manager, who stated the Select Board is putting in for a \$180,000 State funding source and a \$45,000 in-kind funding from the town. The sidewalk would be built from the Rt 17/Rt 41 corner to the Fairgrounds parking lot.

6. Naming of Ball Field - Greg D: Greg stated that he has submitted a proposal for the naming of the Fairgrounds ball field. This request is a 'primary' request, to be followed by secondary submissions. The proposed names are: *Keene Memorial Park* and *Keene Community Recreation Park*. There will also be recognition of the various in-kind services donated for this project. Request was made for the Trails Committee to submit a letter of recommendation to the Select Board in support of this proposal. Motion made by Romaine T. for the Trails Committee to support the naming application, and to submit a letter of recommendation to the Select Board with both suggested names. Second Bob Harris.

Voted to approve - 8. Abstained - 1 (GD).

A letter will be prepared and sent by Jeanne Harris to the Town manager.

7. MCS new Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds: Gary K stated that Curt Morse is the new MCS Facility Director, replacing Paul Criss. Curt is willing to meet with RTC regarding trails on MCS.

Other Items of Business:

a. Parks Commission - Gary K. stated that on March 6th, the Select Board will discuss membership on the Parks Commission and is looking for a suitable chairperson.

b. Age Friendly Community Committee: Romaine T inquired whether the RTC has any interest in doing something with the senior residents, such as a brief walk on the trails, during Heritage Days.

c. RTC Goals and Objectives: Nancy B inquired whether the members should do a 6-month review/discussion of the committee's G/O that were distributed in 2016 for preparing the annual report. Gary stated the annual report has been submitted. Greg will add RTC G/O to the March agenda.

D. Committee Membership: Nancy B asked if any new applications have been received to fill the Trails Committee vacancies. Gary was not aware of any.

Adjournment: Motion made by Romaine T to adjourn meeting at 7:47pm; Second by Bob H. Approved.

Next Meeting: March 28, 2017 @ 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Buker

Secretary, pro-tem