

Readfield Trails Committee Minutes  
May 23, 2017

Present: Gary Keilty, Ann Keilty, Nancy Buker, Ken Clark, Greg Durgin, Holly Rahmlow, Becky Walsh

Excused: Romaine Turyn, Jeanne Harris, Bob Harris, Rob Peale

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Nancy led a discussion on minutes' corrections. Greg moved they be approved as corrected, everyone seconded and approved.

The treasurer was absent, but Greg reported the balance as \$1,029.98.

Greg has written an article for the Messenger about Trails Day. We agreed to meet at the head of trails with water and a map. Greg also asked Robin to put it on the website, which she did. Gary, Ann, Ken and Greg volunteered to be at the trailhead.

Becky brought in some information on ticks and rabies to put in the information kiosks at the school and fairgrounds. She also got some handouts and tick spoons to give out to hikers.

If it's pouring rain, the volunteers will go home.

Ann said that the Torsey Church Community Day had a good turnout, and maps and information were distributed.

Kents Hill work day was supposed to be very rainy but it wasn't all day. A culvert was put in on the Fairgrounds Trail. Gary had high praise for the kids, and he and Ann congratulated Greg on his good work. There was discussion about conditions on the trails and community contributions.

Gary updated the status of the parking lot and a possible trail around it. He met with Eric, who sees an opportunity to perhaps enlarge the parking lot which might interfere with a trail, so Eric wants to reassess the project and take it to the new ad hoc committee.

There was discussion about the Planning Board's role in the initial setup of the ball fields, parking lot and the porta potty's placement.

Gary led discussions on the Town Warrant, which includes articles for the Church Road sidewalk, which is article 17, and for Trails, which is number 12.

Robin suggested to Gary the possibility of the town's videographer Bill Sterrit doing a virtual tour of the trails. Ken volunteered to do it. He will read up on the history for the voiceover.

Gary talked to the Maranacook Community School superintendent. He said she'd like to set up an appointment with Trails re the new maintenance superintendent. Apparently the previous maintenance supervisor said we could use a small part of the parking area at the school bus garage as parking for people hiking the proposed Esker Trail.

The possibility of a trail on Readfield Water District land is on hold, as the district needs to put in another well.

Greg asked about how the postponement of the Water District trail would affect grants that will be submitted this fall. The funds may be moved to other projects.

Nancy asked about the piles of blue stone, which are in a bad spot. The stones at the dump belong to the town.

We discussed the impending changes to the Trails Committee. Romaine is going off, as are Gary and Ann. We are supposed to have 13 members, but it's unrealistic. Greg suggested that it would be good if we could get up to nine, which would be two new members. Everyone is encouraged to talk up the committee.

Meeting ended with stories. Greg told about nearly running into people playing Pokemon on their phones on the trail. Nancy told about people stopping at the same place at her house at the same time.

Ken passed out the updated strategic plan, into which he incorporated the things that we already accomplished as well as the new ideas.

Nancy mentioned that they have put a motion-sensor light on their snowmobile kiosk and that it's worked out really well. She asked if we might be interested in doing something similar for the Trails' kiosks.

Greg moved the meeting adjourn at 7:40 p.m.; Ann seconded. Passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Holly Rahmlow