

Readfield Trails Committee Minutes  
September 26, 2017

Present: Nancy Buker, Ken Clark, Jeanne Harris, Bob Harris, Holly Rahmlow, Becky Walsh

Excused: Greg Durgin, Rob Peale

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

The minutes were read and approved unanimously.

Jeanne reported that the correct balance in our account is \$2,398. Jeanne looked into a discrepancy between the July and August balances and reported that it was due to end-of-the-fiscal-year adjustments.

Ken distributed a packet of information about the Esker Trail, which he will be sharing with Eric. The committee complimented Ken on the presentation, which includes several photos, the trail agreements and a proposal with all the details.

Nancy noted the mention of wetlands might alarm some people, so language was added to make it clear that the trail will have no impact on the wetlands or surrounding natural habitat and other language was adjusted to avoid mention of wetlands.

Ken suggested using roofing material to keep bridges/exposed wood from being slippery.

Suggestions were offered to the language in the document and suggestions were made about how we might proceed on the actual building of the trail.

Greg, Ken and Bob have made some plans for the Maranacook school day on Oct. 4. We will meet in the fairgrounds parking lot at 8:30. Plans are to clear brush, firewood, etc. to improve the sight lines on the Fairgrounds Trail and perhaps to spread some of the blue stone.

Becky is bringing cookies, Nancy offered Gatorade, and Gary and Ann will be there with some water. The kids get their own lunches.

The Kents Hill School kids are scheduled for October 26. Exact plans for that group are unclear and Ken said he won't be available, but we will have a meeting two days before then to fine tune plans.

Bob updated progress on the Mill Stream project. Bob and Greg cleaned up a lot of the old wood and brush on the trail above the dam. Later Bob, with help from Jeanne and Lydia,

hauled five loads to the transfer station. There are plans to do more work on the dam itself with funds allocated.

There was discussion about finances and plans for next year's budget and what we might need for Trails. Jeanne showed a plan for the improved parking at the Fairgrounds. Jerry Bly has applied for a \$35,000 grant, which will also affect Trails projects.

Jeanne and Bob went to the dedication for the Kennebec Land Trust's dedication for the new Rosmarin property, which is about 360 acres and features a lot of vernal ponds. The family that donated the property was there and served cider and donuts. Jeanne said they had cleared a trail, called the Beaver Trail, which they walked.

Next meeting will be October 24.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Holly Rahmlow