

Readfield Trails Committee Minutes

July 24, 2018

Present: Nancy Buker, Ken Clark, Greg Durgin, Jeanne Harris, Bob Harris, Greg Leimbach, Holly Rahmlow

Excused: Ben McIntosh, Rob Peale, Henry Whittemore

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m.

The minutes were approved unanimously after corrections were made.

Jeanne reported that the current balance in our account is \$1,637.36.

All the current officers agreed to serve for the next year. Holly moved to nominate the same slate, Greg L. seconded, and all approved.

Ken is going to meet with Don Thursday to work on the mapping project.

Bob reported that Dan Pottle has begun work on the Mill Stream Dam project. He is smoothing out the surface and will be putting down blue stone. A railing sourced from Pine Tree Fencing in Litchfield will be installed by volunteers, and the Appalachian Mountain Club will be building a walkway. After that it will be time to put up signs.

Holly updated the group on the Easter in August event, which will be at noon on August 11, the Readfield Fun Day. We are having a costume competition and egg hunt. There will be prizes for the best adult and child costumes and rewards (small toys) for the kids who find eggs. We will also serve cookies and water.

Greg L. reported on the solar project. He suggested to the committee that they move the woodpile at the Transfer Station and install the solar panels there, but no decision has been made yet.

Greg D. reported that Ben has moved to New Hampshire. His future participation is unclear. Greg L. said he would continue to interact with the solar committee.

Nancy reported on her progress in pulling together the needed supplies for the donation kiosk boxes. Robin in the Town Office was able to provide much of the written materials needed (labels, cards, laminating) for \$71.90. She had no luck with getting the mailboxes free from Home Depot, so she got them at Lowe's for \$71.05. She got the plastic bags from Hannaford (\$5.28), and the envelopes from the town office supplier. She also got some tick-warning posters that can be put up near the kiosks.

All that needs to be done now is to put up the mailboxes and insert the bags with the envelopes and cards. Bob and Greg D. indicated they could do it.

A motion was made and seconded to reimburse Nancy \$76.33 and the town \$71.90 for the materials. All approved.

Greg D. said the connector trail is nearly done, but some works need to be finished. Discussion was held about when we might work on that. Everyone is very busy now. Jeanne suggested that we have the stone dropped and people can work on it as they have time. We will schedule that and the upcoming September school work day by email and forgo the August meeting.

Greg D. read a list of accomplishments for the past year, which included planning and building of new trails, new members and cleanup after the October storm, as well as regular maintenance.

Nancy said that there is a sign up at the Fogg Farm saying that the area is closed while a bridge is built. Bob said that they are done, and the sign should come down. He will check it out.

Nancy brought in a little card from the KLT that was posted at the Torsey Pond Nature Preserve with a loon on the front and a request for funds inside.

She also suggested that we might hold a street dance.

Jeanne reported that a local woman has been harassed by a man while walking her dog. He cusses her and the dog.

Jeanne also passed out a copy of a History of Readfield Trails.

Greg moved that we authorize a sum of money for prizes for the Easter in August event not to exceed \$300. All approved.

There will be no August meeting. The next meeting will be September 25.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Holly Rahmlow