

April 28, 2015 Trails Committee Meeting Minutes DRAFT

Present: Chris Sammons, Bob Harris, Jeanne Harris, Ken Clark, Milt Wright, Lydia Adelson, Gary Keilty, Ann Keilty, Rob Peale, Romaine Turyn, Hank Laidlaw, Karen Peterson
Excused Absent: Nancy Buker, Will Harris

Chair Milt Wright called the meeting to order at the Town Office at 6:30 PM.

March 24, 2015 Minutes: Motion to accept by Chris Sammons, seconded by Jeannie Harris. Unanimous to accept.

Town Meeting Secret Ballot: Milt Wright reported on the email he sent concerning Dana Therrien's donation to the Trails Committee. Milt explained the intricacies of drafting the Secret Ballot articles for it. Also discussed were the two specific articles on Trail Agreements and Easements, and acceptance of the Union Meeting House and Community Pathway. The latter article can't be passed without voter approval of trail easements.

The Secret Ballot has a total of 57 articles, plus the Select Board election and school funding. Asterisks on certain articles mean a "No" vote will not be re-voted on. The Trails Committee is in this category.

There was discussion on how to explain the Trails requests to the general public. The Kennebec Journal and Winthrop Advertiser were mentioned. The Advertiser costs \$25 at a minimum. Motion made by Ann Keilty to authorize Milt to write something for publication in the Advertiser. Seconded by Rob Peale. Unanimous to accept. Private donations will pay for the publications- Motion made by Romaine Turyn. Seconded by Chris Sammons. Unanimous to accept.

Ball field Committee Meeting of April 27, 2015: Meeting was held on the Fairgrounds and some kids were there playing ball. The Committee discussed where to place the Port-A-Potty and other logistics- who will schedule field's use, signage on the fence, flagpole location, etc. The issue of safety signage has come up, and Dave Erb, Ball Field Committee Chair, has suggested the Select Board pay for the signs.

Grist Mill Bridge area: There appears to be interest by a private individual to buy the land adjacent to the bridge. Jerry Bley, Conservation Commission member, suggested having a community effort to clean the area up, keep it as Town property, and have it available for public use.

Fairgrounds Drainage issue: Milt reported he discussed the issue with Mark Birtwell who said he could do some more ditching along the McDougald Trail.

Kents Hill School Community Day: Gary Keilty described the work. Two piles of rocks will be moved from the parking area. The kids will haul rocks to the Northern Trail area, lay down Geo-Tech fabric and rip-rap. All who want to participate in the Chain Gang are asked to arrive by 9:30 AM.

The 40' culvert in the Fairgrounds needs work in the upper portion. Additional ditching is needed and Mark Birtwell will do this.

National Trails Day: Milt contacted Ellen Blanchard, who said she would number the parking area rocks. The numbering has been done. Ellen will conduct a Plant Identification walk on June 6th.

Site Visit to capped Town Landfill: It was decided to visit the site on May 17th, beginning at 4 PM.

Echo I KLT Property: Milt described the upcoming May 9th Community Clean-Up Day sponsored by the RCUC. It seems a good opportunity to get rid of the many tires discarded on the KLT property. Rob Peale and Lydia Adelson volunteered to move the tires beside the road to facilitate their pick up.

Mill Stream Road: Milt suggested having a Work Day to work on the erosion present. Blue stone needs to be applied after Geo-Tech fabric is installed. It was decided to do this on May 16th, beginning at 8:30 AM.

Elections Update: Public Hearings on the Secret Ballot will be held on May 27th and 28th. The Chairs of Committees, Boards and Commissions will be there to answer any questions. Select Board Candidates Night will be on May 6th.

Chair Wright reminded all that he would not seek re-appointment when his term expires.

Milt reported he submitted the Trails Committee article for the Annual Town Report.

Milt said he contacted the surveyor who was scheduled to flag the Morrill Road right of way and called off the work.

Strategic Planning: Ken Clark reported that he, Lydia Adelson and Hank Laidlaw are the sub-committee. They are looking for input from other members with a particular emphasis on why the trails are so important to the Town. There was much discussion on building the image of the trails and looking at all types of funding.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Peterson
Secretary