

Sunrise Trail Board Meeting

Date: January 13, 2015

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Location: HCPC or Conference Call: 1-646-558-6338 + Call ID: 04622



Attending at HCPC: Jim Fisher, Carol Cuddy, Sandy Johnson, Andy Gallant, Gerry Nasberg, Bill Ceckler, Polly Ceckler, Ray Archer, Leslie Harlow, Charlie Corliss

On Conference Phone: Molly Henry, Stephen Rees, Charlie Robinson, Crystal Hitchings

Agenda:

- Approval of Minutes – www.sunrisetrail.org/news
 1. [10/07/14](#) – regular October board meeting (at HCPC)
 1. Minutes approved without revision
 2. [10/24/14](#) – special meeting to discuss grant opportunity (at Pat’s Pizza)
 1. Thanks Gerry Nasberg for providing the lunch
 2. Minutes approved without revision
 3. [10/29/14](#) – DACF Public Meeting for Trail Extension (at Ellsworth City Hall)
 1. The board reviewed the notes for content
 2. No approval required
- ECG Cross Country Ski Day – With Molly
 1. ECG has a grant – need to host four events in Maine, don’t have an exact amount of funding
 2. Want to partner with the Sunrise trail Coalition
 3. This would be a first Cross Country Ski Event
 4. Need to adjust to the weather
 5. Question
 1. Funding the event
 2. Is this to become an annual event? Good idea. Funding will be an annual decision.
 3. Are there awards?
 4. After event reception? Good idea.
 5. Food?
 6. Transportation:
 1. If we do a one way – use funds to run a shuttle back to Ellworth
 2. Might also want to have a sag snowmobile
 - 3.
 6. Stephen
 1. similar opportunity to partner with ECG
 2. good publicity on ECG website
 3. What does the board want to do with this?
 7. Timing
 1. Start on February 7 and go for the first good Saturday thereafter
 2. Skiing
 8. Retail Link
 1. Posters for the event
 2. Ski rental

3. Advertising
4. Chamber of Commerce
5. YMCA – teaches cross country skiing
6. Penobscot Valley Ski Club
7. Cadillac Mountain Sports – rents skis
8. Epic Sports – Bar Harbor
9. LL Bean

9. Poster

1. Jim – draft an 8.5x11 poster for the event
2. Sandy, Polly, Carol – distributing posters

10. Permit

1. Jim will fill out an DACF permit – send Lana

11. Refreshments

1. Dunkin Donuts
2. Morton's Moo

12. Location

1. Parking is important
 1. Washington Junction to Franklin – 10 miles with parking and the Veterans Hall for a reception
 2. Start at Washington Junction go east two-miles east, turn around, go back to Ellsworth, turn around go Washington Junction.
 1. Red Room at Pat's Pizza
 2. Maine Grind
 3. Franklin to 183 (no facilities at Route 183)
 4. 183 To Cherryfield (ibid)
2. Might also consider bussing people back to Ellsworth for a reception.

- Priorities for Sunrise Trail – See Charlie Corliss List as modified below
 1. Thanks to Charlie for preparing a list
 2. Board can set priorities or a calendar for project completion
 3. See list below
- President's Report

Presidents Report

- Attended East Coast Greenway meeting in Charleston
 - o Discussion – Sunrise Trail gets good publicity.
 - o Board is very supportive of improving the trail surface.
 - o Discussion of extension to Ellsworth and Calais
- Molly Henry is very interested in Maine
 - o Working behind the scenes
 - o Has some Quimby Family Foundation grant funds
- Treasurer's Report (See below)
Carol Moves, Sandy seconds receiving Treasurers Report
- Trail Construction to Ellsworth – Jim
 1. Jim has been in contact with Plymouth Engineering – DACF is working on a contract

- 2. Charlie has walked and measured the site and is encouraged that it is feasible
- Railroad Station in Cherryfield
 - 1. Crystal Hitchings
 - 2. Ongoing discussion of using the train depot as a community gathering space
 - 1. Location – where it is currently
 - 2. Restoration
 - 1. Roof was replaced in 2014
 - 2. Kathy Upton seeking grants (Davis Foundation) for improvements
 - 3. Kathy Upton will apply to a Railroad Heritage organization in the fall
 - 4. Looking for local in-kind support
 - 3. Uses may include a small museum, office for the information staff
 - 4. Staffing – would need to build up a volunteer pool for staffing
 - 3. Steve – Recommend that Crystal prepare a request for assistance as the project moves forward (similar to the request that Ian has pursued for a location in Franklin)
- Grant and other Funding Opportunities
 - 1. Communities Matter More – we will want to encourage votes when Bangor Savings Bank launches the contest
 - 2. People for Bikes
 - 3. Recreational Trail Program
- Trail Surface Committee – no report
- Membership Committee – no report, but the membership lists have been sent to the board
- User Survey - Jim has placed another camera at Washington Junction
- DACF Outdoor Partners Program www.mefishwildlife.com
- WiFi Hotspot at Station 98
- Grooming has started

Next Board Meeting:

- Ski Committee 2/2/15 9:30 AM
- Board Meeting 3/10/15

STC Treasurers Report as of 1/12/15 Respectfully submitted by Ian J. Staub, Treasurer

Checkbook Balance	\$19,156.55
Deposits (dues)	<u>\$935.00</u>
Total:	\$20,091.55

Bills to be paid

Bangor Letter Shop:	\$301.43	(paid 12/5/14)
Wash Jct. Privy:	<u>\$65.00</u>	(have received any bill)
Total:	366.43	

Account Balances

Grant Fund Carry Over	\$5,643.27
Trail Survey Grant (estimate)	4,000.00
General Fund Balance	\$10,448.28

Note: I need an updated bill from Jim for the time he is spending on the trail survey. The bill should reflect costs incurred since the survey began and should include equipment costs. If there were PayPal dues payments, please send the amount as I have no information.

DEST priority list for 2015

Vault privies at Washington Junction, Tunk Lake Rd, Cherryfield campsite, Ayers Junction
The installation/construction is approx. \$2000-2500 each

There is a possibility that the state could fund the construction of several of these especially the one at the campsite location, however there will be a need to have these maintained on a weekly basis with pumping on an annual basis (depending on use may only need pumping every other year) Cleaning could put out for a bid process to see if anyone would do this and at what cost.

From Chuck Simpson: The 1,000 gallon low-boy tanks we use for the vaults cost around \$1,200 delivered and set in place if you have the hole properly prepared. We get them at American Concrete in Veazie, and they include the riser and toilet seat and vent pipe. The buildings we use are pre-fabbed by Parks and we have swapped them for logs, so I don't have a cost for them. Mike Leighton can tell you that. Our staff cleans them, but I try to hire someone to pressure wash them one per year. Cost is about \$150 if you have a few to do.

- Washington Junction – important trail head
 - Partner with Acadia ATV
 - Downeast Scenic Railroad
 - Funding – DACF
- Cherryfield Stretch Campsite
 - Partner Narraguagus Club
 - Funding from Bangor Hydro
- Ayers Junction – Now have a facility at Dennysville, but that is six miles from Ayers
 - Partner with the Dennysville Club

- Ray moves – pursue installation of the privies at Washington Junction, Cherryfield, and Ayers Junction
 - Find partners for each site
 - Prepare memorandum of agreement
- Carol Seconds: Unanimous support

- Tunk Lake Road - for a later date

Signage for parking and location of trail.

I have already compiled a draft list of such locations, and the number of signs at each location (most require 2 signs but several will require 3). While the list is not yet complete in regards to all the mileage distance, I think it covers the entire length of the trail for the most part. I have provided this draft location info along with this document.

Franklin – Blueberry Facility has agreed to permit some parking at their site

See list below for signage locations

- Priorities – Ellsworth, Hancock, Sullivan
- Need to clarify whether we need to pay for sign fees
- Submit list with location map to MaineDOT

Carol moves, Sandy seconds for Charlie and Jim to push this process forward. Passed unanimously.

Picnic tables/shelters

Should have 6-7 more picnic tables (4 for campsite and 2 to replace the ones removed from trail for the campsite, as well as replace the one stolen from one site east of Schoodic Bog. We may also want to consider installing several picnic table shelters for some of the existing sites along trail and possibly several lean-to shelters such as the one located in Dennysville.

State will be putting tables with shelters Cherryfield Campsite
Recommend six-foot tables rather than eight foot tables.

Motion for Charlie to order seven picnic tables each six-feet in length.

- Polly moved – passed unanimously.
- Source is at the discretion of the trail manager.

Receive inquiries about camping along the trail.

- Campsites
- Other locations where there is space

Motion to have Charlie to pursue designs and estimates for lean-to and picnic shelters.
Passed unanimously.

Town line signs

Since we have put up the mileage signs on the trail I have received a lot of positive comments, I think it would be good to put up the same type of reflective sign (although probably brown instead of green) at each of the town lines (currently these are marked with the name written on plastic orange signs). However these may be subject to theft unless we can come up with some kind of theft deterrent when mounting. On the same note, an alternative to a metal reflective sign could be purchasing reflective stick-on letters for each town line post. (I will try to come up with a rough estimate before Tuesday's meeting)

Charlie will get estimates on stick – on or metal signs

Signage Locations – Prepared by Charlie Corliss

Road signs to trail parking

Ellsworth area

- Rte 1 and Rte 3 (High St and Main St) 3 signs required left, right and straight ahead (2 ¼ mile)

Hancock

- Rte 1 and Washington Jct Rd 2 signs (1.9 miles)
- Rte 1 and Rte 182 directing to trail in Franklin, 2 signs, R/L Distance?

Sullivan

- Rte1 and Tunk Lake Rd (2 signs- R/L arrow) Distance?

Frankin at parking area on Rte 182

Cherryfield

- Rte 1 and Main St, 2 signs R/L, distance ??
- 2 signs at parking area R/L

Milbridge?

- Rte 1 and 1A 1 right arrow, one straight ahead, distance ???
- Sign to Kansas road if people are on ATVs

Beddington?

- Rte 9 and rte 193 junction 2 signs R/L arrow, distance 17 miles

Columbia Falls

- Rte 1 and Tibbettstown Rd, 2 signs R/L arrows, distance 300 feet

Machias

East Machias

- Rte 1 at Willow and Main St 2 signs R/L arrow, 200 feet (parking at Archibald's)
- Rte 1 and Jacksonville Rd 2 signs R/L arrow, distance?
- Rte 191 at trail crossing 2 signs R/L arrow (parking lot at the crossing)
- Rte 191 (Jacksonville rd) and Rte 86 (King St) 2 signs R/L arrow, distance?

Dennysville

- Rte 1 and Water st, 2 signs R/L arrow, distance?
- Should there be one at Water St and King St junction? Distance??

Pembroke

- Rt 1 and rt 214, 2 signs R/L arrows, distance ??
- Rt 214 at trailhead 2 signs R/L arrows