

Sunrise Trail Coalition
6/15/2011
Maine Grind
Minutes

Introductions: Bill Ceckler, Sandy Johnson, Jay Johnson, Stephen Rees, Bill Clark, Jillian Sanders (Americorps), Gail Peters, Charlie Corliss, Judy East (WCCOG), Sally Jacobs, Jim Fisher, Ian Staub, Bill Cherry, Polly Ceckler, Steve Sloan

Agenda:

1. Welcome and sign-in
2. Approval of May Meeting Minutes (you can read them on our Web site www.sunrisetrail.org)
3. Approval of Treasurer's Report
Still waiting for documents form Dave Wood
4. Manager's Report

Picnic Tables

- 17 Picnic tables have been built.
- 15 Tables have been put on location
- 2 remain to be located

Rusty has material left over. Enough to build two more tables.

- Should we have him build two more tables?
- The committee supports building two more tables.
- Should be able to buy what he needs with surplus from the stain.
- Moved, seconded and passed

Minor Repairs

- Managed to do most of the minor repairs on the trail
- Have done a little contracting

Recent washouts – need to order more aggregate material – will bundle for a bid

- Rainstorm in Cherryfield
- Jonesboro
- Tidewater bridge in E. Machias
- Problems continue to be beavers, heavy rain and drainage problems

Repairs are being paid through a maintenance fund

West end of the trail is smoother because larger stones were not used.

Damage from removing ties

- Repairs rejected at Goodwin's Siding
- Material is bigger than we wanted

Kiosks and signs

Ayres Junction – kiosk installed (?)

Washington Junction

- Materials have been provided, parts are ready, but installation is delayed
- After Kiosks are placed, put ads in papers notifying businesses of sign possibilities.13.
- Bill Clark – the DEST Sign on Washington Junction Road – still under temporary permit
 - Need to get permits and poles for permanent signs
 - Need MaineDOT permit for signs on the state number roads and state aid roads
 - Bill Ceckler will talk with Hancock Selectmen and Ellsworth City Planning

Trail Use

- Busy Memorial Day weekend
- Businesses were doing well

Events

- Downeast Health Services – Jim will get participation numbers
- Friend and Friend Charity Ride –
Charity ride successful
\$145 from t-shirt sales
\$1,050 contribution from Friend and Friend

Community Problems and Etiquette

Franklin: Ian Staub

- Public meeting held in Franklin on Monday
- Provided a six month temporary conditional permit to use ATV's on some of the local roads
- The ATV's will pursue off road routes
- Need a parking area in Franklin
 - Only place to park on weekends is the Blueberry Factory (can't use it if the factory opens)
 - Some people park at the trading post
 - Bill Clark noted that there used to be a big parking area. Scrub has grown up.
 - HCPC will work with the town of Franklin on establishing parking – establish ownership, mapping, owner agreements

Stephen Rees

- suggests we work on more informational signage directing people to services, parking, etc.

Trail Etiquette: Charlie, Skip

- MaineDOT and MaineDOC working on a trail etiquette sign
- Sally – need to reinforce information that the trail is paid for out of a number of tax sources

Dust

- Concerns about dust – particularly near villages and businesses
- Going to apply flaked calcium chloride as dust problems arise

Parking – overloading local parking lots

- ATV route signage through Machias.
 - Might be able to work out a route to the nearby gas station
 - Need to work out legal access across private property
 - Requested a crosswalk, but was denied
 - This will take some time to work out
- Archibald's
- Rim Road
- Across from Dunkin Donuts – private property
 - Put rocks along the edge of the trail to prevent people from cutting through
 - Not sure about owner's position
- Farmers Market on the Dike – have been concerned about competition for space from ATVs.
 - Farmers market has taken over a public parking area
 - Not clear whether they have any permits to use that space
 - There is a little more parking near to the box car, but riders don't know how to get there. Signage may be needed.
- Cherryfield Foods – can't do anything this year due to construction, but perhaps in the future
- Hanscom's (Rte 192) a bit out of town. Might be a good place for the local day users
- Rte 191

Bangor Hydro Electric activities: Steve Rees, Charlie Corliss

Update –

- Finishing work west of Schoodic Bog
- Clean up activity – next few weeks
 - Route 183 to Unionville
 - Cutting in Unionville
 - Cutting near Card Mill Stream
- Line Construction – setting poles and stringing wire

- General Cobb Road – starting in two weeks
- New substation- off of trail – early July
- Card Stream to Unionville – starting July 15 and going through October
 - Discussing delivery systems for poles – relative to cost, speed, tail use, safety
 - Not advertising the installation dates – don't want to attract onlookers
- Notice signs have been posted
- BHE help with parking area at 183, can anything more be done?
 - Will use contractors to level parking area
 - Need to create a lease
- Stephen Rees – We need to be sure to define the boundaries of parking areas
 - In some cases (Route 183) the boundaries may be the trail, wetlands and other natural features
 - Some cases – MaineDOT needs to use signage, rocks, curbs or other demarcation.
 - Sally will bring this up with Dan Stewart
 - Need to use the trailhead study and town access study

Rest Areas and Out- Houses on the trail

- Money from Heaven: \$45,000
 - Privy's - Maintenance plan required
 - Can inmates provide routine maintenance? No – cannot predict staffing
 - Need to deal with vandalism
- Some partners have been contacted about sharing maintenance
- Wallace plumbing has some new models of porta-potties that are very nice

Maine Trails Advisory Council

- Machias meeting July 13 with Department of Conservation Trails Advisory Council
- Sally – suggested a few stops along the trail to see different segments
- Stephen – noted that a council member from Machias will be available to meet with them
- Who can meet them that day?
 - Sally Jacobs - Throughout
 - Ian Staub – Franklin?
 - 11:00 AM Sullivan
 - Bill Cherry – Franklin to Unionville
 - DEST Meeting - Machias

WCCOG: Judy East:

- Bold Coast Scenic Byway and integration of financing with DEST.
 - WCCOG has requested a \$100,000 grant for preparing a corridor management plan for the byway – will find out about funding as early as October

- A good prospect for national designation
- Connecting trails in six towns along DEST. Judy East maps.
 - Need to submit this plan to MaineDOT by June 30
 - Please send comments to Judy in the next week
 - Jim will post the plan in PDF format to the Sunrise Trail website
- Help from Chamber of Commerce, WACO, MDOT Booklet of Services. Coordinate with Misha Mytar on trail

Katherine Cassidy and Jeremy Gabrielson replacements – announced need to fill positions

10. Joe Mc Brine's rescue sled - tabled

13. Dan Stewart's trail segment maps. Advisory discussion. Sally will bring draft maps.

Next meeting: July 13 in Machias with the Maine Trails Advisory Council from MDOC

15. Adjournment

6:30