

Sunrise Trail Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 22, 2015 1:00 – 3:00 PM
Bluebird Restaurant, Machias
Agenda

- **Introductions**

Attending: Steve Rees, Bill Ceckler, Charlie Corliss, Ray Archer, Charlie Robinson, Carol Cuddy, Sandy Johnson, Jim Fisher, Patrick Adams

Machias Chamber Director: Sharon Kiley Mack

- Introduction to Bike Pedestrian Program Director: Patrick Adams
- Presentation by Sharon
 - Encouraging Board of Directors to renew membership in Machias Chamber of Commerce
 - Events: Movies (Near trail)
 - Making progress on the Rail Station/Box Car
 - Information Center
 - Advocate for the trail
 - Membership: 251 members currently
 - Stephen – Has offered to meet with Sharon later to discuss the boards reasons for their decisions and to bring back a proposal to the board at the next meeting
- **Approval of Minutes** – www.sunrisetrail.org/news/minutes/destmin061615.pdf
 - Hanscoms' Construction
 - Charlie would check with Chuck Simpson about privy maintenance.
 - Minutes accepted as revised
- **President's Report** – Stephen Rees
 - Stephen has had to discussion pertaining to Calais Extension
 - Need to schedule a trip to Moosehorn meeting with Bill Kolodnicki
 1. Decision: August 22nd meet at the Moosehead Headquarters (Route 9)
 - Also want to meet with the Mayor of Calais to meet with Bob Corleye (SP?), Judy East, et al. about the Trans-Canada Trail
 1. Judy East, WCCOG
 2. Others?
 - US East Coast Greenway
 - Annual Meeting : October
 - Expiring: Bill, Ray, Charlie Harrington, Charlie Robinson, (Carol Cuddy – May have expired last year)
 1. Bill, Ray and Charlie Robinson are renewing
 2. Will check by email with Charlie Harrington
 - Aspiring to having 15 member board - Can we think of any additional members?
 1. Cotton Farm in Columbia Falls keeps horses near to the tail
 2. Other stables = Cherryfield, Milbridge
 - Hollis Hill – Bill will contact him to see if he will be able to participate on the board

- Maine East Coast Greenway Committee

- **MaineDOT Update** – Patrick Adams
 - On the job for 8 months
 - Bond package – proposed by BCM
 1. Bond package didn't pass
 2. Commissioner wants to either see progress or end projects
 1. 5 projects were cancelled (not eastern Maine)
 2. 5 projects restarted
 1. Machias Sidewalk
 2. Calais SRTS
 - Ground truthing US Bike Route 1
 - Drove from Kittery to Calais over three days
 - Validated the maps
 1. Road Conditions – not shoulders
 - US BR1 Sign Contract was awarded
 - Signs have been ordered – thinks they will be 12"*24"
 - Hoping they can be installed by autumn
 - Integrating US BR1 and DEST
 - Most US BR1 users have narrow tires – won't use the trail
 - Shoulders are needed on Route 1
 1. Milbridge
 2. Whiting
 - New Brunswick
 1. Using signage to steer people to less traveled roads
 - What would MaineDOT like from this committee for outreach?
 - Identifying the key people MaineDOT needs to see
 - Patrick – still cleaning up old projects
 - Next year will be looking for new projects
 - Brewer – would like to build a trail from Downtown across 395 to the Greenpoint Road
 1. Tracks are in poor repair
 2. PanAm owns the tracks/ROW and wants full price for them
 - Trail Resurfacing
 - Need to identify funds
 - Creating the loop
 - Trail width and new very-wide ATVs present challenges for passing
 - There are no restrictions on width, but the trail is managed for 60"

- **Treasurer's Report** – Ian Staub was unable to attend
 - Stephen presented Ian's Budget
 - Picnic tables have been paid-for
 - Jim is trying to complete the user impact study – Carol offered to help with interpreting images

- **Manager's Report** – Charlie Corliss
 - Parking lot in Columbia Falls has been expanded and leveled



- Now much larger than before
 - Needs a parking sign and more gravel
 - Mowing has been completed
 - Grading is going on now
 - Some concern about adequate moisture for grading
 - Replaced a number of broken posts
 - Calcium will be applied in Machias to East Machias next week
 - Campground
 - Requested a vault privy
 - Scott would like a measure of usage – to get the right size vault
 - Concern about pickup trucks and trailers using the campground as a trailhead
 - Have not figured out how to prevent use but maintain access for maintenance
 - Need to order material for a shelter and assemble a work crew
 - Signage for Parking and Trail
 - Charlie contacted Dan Stewart for information and contacts
 - Dan requested information on number and locations of signs
 - Followed up with a summary list of signs by dimension, directional arrow, etc.
 - Town line signs – need to purchase the lettering
 - Ellsworth Trail Extension
 - Options 8', 10.5' and 15 foot setbacks
 - \$150/ft – 15' setback
 - \$140/ft – 10.5 setback
 - \$120/ft – 8' setback
 - Project is on hold until MaineDOT decides what setback they will require
 - Franklin Parking – no progress on parking
 - Bill Ceckler et al. measured – there is a fence at about 30'
 - Calais to Ayers
 - One section has been filled with gravel and a boat ramp built
 - Sally Jacobs memorial plaque?
 - Charlie has an excavator coming next week
 - Thinks he has found a stone – and would move it next week
 - Jim – will give a bike rack to Charlie to install at this site.

 - **Membership** – Carol Cuddy
 - Stephen – suggest we send out an August or September newsletter or short briefing letter
 - President's Report
 - Manager's Report
 - renewal notice
 - Annual meeting notice
 - Events: End of the year ride

 - **Long Range Initiatives**
 - Trail surface improvements
 - Eastport and Calais trail extensions or connections –
 - www.wccog.net/assets/files/transport/ROUTING%20STUDY%20CALAIS%20TO%20AYERS%20JUNCTION.pdf
- William Kolodnicke Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge (Bald Eagle Trail?)
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2015 Events

- Sunrise Trail Relay Team Event – July 24-25 - <http://destrelay.crowathletics.com/>
 - Charlie Robinson will be available to help with two ATVs – Tunk Lake to Washington Junction
 - Charlie would like to have several runners start at a time rather than starting singly
 1. This would make it easier to keep tabs on the runners
 - Ray Archer will be there (1 ATV) – Cherryfield to Washington Junction
 - Charlie Corliss – May help out – not sure yet
 - Jim – will check for last year’s letter and send it to Steve

Meeting Adjourned at 3:04 PM

- **STC Treasurers Report: 7/22/15**

Bank Balance as of 6/19/15:	\$22,060.46
Deposit on 6/29/15:	340.00
Interest:	.96
Bank Balance as of 6/30/15:	\$22,401.42

Bills paid:

Rusty Gay for 6 picnic tables:	720.00
Frost Septic:	65.00

Account Balances:

Grant Fund Carry Over:	\$5,643.27
BSB Grant:	1,000.00
Trail Survey Grant Balance:	4,115.79 (Does not include J. Fisher Billable Hours) \$884.21 (Spent To Date: Cameras and Batteries)

General Fund Balance: \$11,542.36