

Calais Trail
10/04/05
Minutes

Next Meeting: Wednesday October 12th 1:00 - 4:00 PM in Ellsworth

Attending

- Dan Stewart
- Dianne Tilton
- Jim Fisher
- missed name
- John Ashmore
- missed name
- Stephanie Cement
- Michelle Gagnon
- Skip Rogers
- Charles Corliss
- David Rodrigues
- Duane
- Bill Cherry
- Julie Isbill
- Tracy Perez
- Town of Addison
- Ron Roy

Design Issues - Dan Stewart (engineer unable to attend)

- building to accommodate largest user - ATV and horse
- not feasible to build beside the embankment
- when rail comes back the trail needs to move
- bridges - wood base, fences
- width 120 inch width - some places wider if we reduce the heights
- trail speeds will be paramount - as the trail is only 10' wide - slower speeds on corners
- remove ties, grade, add surface about current material
- goal is not to increase cost to reestablish rail
- access points - will have a removable bollard to allow emergency vehicle access
- design decisions will be made in the future - the details do not need to be worked out here and now

Questions and Answers

- Bridges - most are good enough for current trail safety
- Management authority will be responsible for maintaining the bridge until rail returns. This is true even if the bridge is wiped . need to identify funding?
- Trail Management Committee
- Fencing for abutter protection -will be considered for safety reasons, generally not for abutter protection

- Crossing permits - will be the same as they are today. People apply, get a hearing, Thinking long term about the rail in the future
- Spider trails - will need an entrance permit
- In the event of the rail returning, these side trails would require a rail crossing permit if they cross
- Multimodal is going to recalculate the cost of construction
- Current design goes from Washington Junction to Ayers Junction
- Not going to segregate users - but might consider different surfaces where there is room.
- Washington Junction to Comfort -- Ellsworth High School??? in will be rail with Trail
- Scheduling - plan is to take the tracks up in one effort, then build as funds allow. Washington County representatives want some of the early construction to be in Washington County.
- still waiting for decision on ATV exception - FHWA is very busy now with reauthorization. It has been hard to get their attention.
 - The exemption might allow for funds to be used
 - Need to measure the impacts of ATVs on other users
 - John Ashmore - objects to using funds that might result in eventual refusal of ATVs on

Management Plan

- Identify law enforcement authorities
- Usage plan to ensure safety and enjoyment
- Trail management board
- Map with photos

Jim - need to have an outline for this plan

- Marketing element - need good pictures
- Governance
- Management
- Maintenance
- Finance

Judy East - Meeting with the Washington County Commissioners

- Dan Stewart will provide Judy with a fact sheet

Next Meeting

- Will bring a right of way map
- Begin with a presentation of the outline for the management plan
- Coordinating session between Committees
- Committee break out sessions
- Wrap up coordination section