

Sunrise Trail Coalition Meeting
Tuesday April 14, 2015 2:00 – 4:00 PM
HCPC, Ellsworth Agenda

• **Introductions**

- Bill Ceckler
- Ian Staub
- Polly Ceckler
- Ray Archer
- Leslie Harlow
- Sandie Jonson
- Fred Marshal, Plymouth Engineering
- Charlie Corliss
- Patrick Adams
- Jim Fisher
- Crystal Hitchings
- Charlie Harrington
- Carol Cuddy

Approval of Minutes January 13, 2015 - www.sunrisetrail.org/news/minutes/destmin011315.pdf

- Minutes approved as written

President's Report – Stephen Rees / Bill Ceckler

- No report

Maine ECG Committee Meeting held in Augusta – Patrick Adams Update

- 30 people attended
- Looked at the new ECG App – for Android and possibly iPhone
- Plan to meet quarterly

Bike Route 1

- Jim showed a poster to the group for Bike Route 1 from Adventure Cycling
- We will try to get a few pictures – but need a bicycle and helmet in them

Treasurer's Report – Ian Staub

- Financial information included in the agenda
 - Revenues and expenditures have been quiet
- Should discuss as second mailing for membership recruitment
 - Charlie Harrington agreed to do another mailing
 - Carol will send address
 - Carol will check for envelope
 - Jim will edit and send letter
 - Jim will try to make return address labels
- Questions
 - Privies
 - Currently one at Washington Junction
 - Other locations
 - Cherryfield Campsite – near Mile Marker 32
 - Mathew's Store will have one in Cherryfield
 - Dennysville – club will maintain a bathroom

- Ayers Junction – We might want a sign indicating the Club’s facility.

Manager’s Report – Charlie Corliss Mud Season update

- Closed trail yesterday for Mud Season
 - o Snowmobiles continued to use the trail to the end
- Trespass
 - o A logger was cutting in the ROW in Columbia Falls – reported to the Forest Service
 - o Problem with a vehicle on the trail in Unionville – setting up surveillance
- WiFi hotspot is available at the box car – paid for by Bangor Savings
- Receiving a lot of interest in using the trail next summer
- Maintenance
 - o Contractor is weighing whether to extend the contract
 - o Cook Whitten - General Contractor – died unexpectedly – company plans to continue operations
 - o Removing rails from asphalt at
 - Willey District Road
 - Webb District Road
 - o Busy snowmobiling season
 - Trouble with cameras – in Washing
 - Weekend report – 100 sleds a day on weekends at the North Street Café
 - Reported doing very good business

Recap of Priorities for 2015 – (see January Minutes)

o Vault privies - Washington Junction, Cherryfield campsite, Ayers Junction

- Charlie will talk with Scott about installation
 - o Need to be assured about maintenance
 - o Find a contractor for maintenance – either using a privy company or a private
- Ayers Junction – put a sign leading people to Dennysville

o Signage for parking and location of trail (see minutes)

- Charlie has identified
- Franklin Vets Club
 - o HCPC will build a park and ride sign for the Vets Club
 - o See whether MaineDOT Sign shop can do this
- Franklin Blueberry Factory
 - o need to talk again with the owners
 - o we should clarify whether there is ROW that we can use for parking
 - o Charlie will look into ROW and contact the factory owners

o Picnic tables/shelters

- Plans for starting on canopy for the Cherryfield campsite
 - o Try to do it in May
- Recommend ordering six picnic tables

- Have three or four off the trail for the campsite
- Charlie Harrington – Offered a gang of high school students
 - We can pay for wood – six foot tables
- Campsite is approved for fires in rings in three sites

o Town line signs

- Looked on the internet – reflective lettering versus ready-made sign
- Need about 550 letters – 3” letters - \$350 - \$500
- Signs would be more costly – might be stolen

Ellsworth Trail Extension

- Fred Marshall , Plymouth Engineering provided an update
 - Received contract in the end of January
 - Have completed many of the base drawings
 - Used aerial photography and LIDAR to create the base drawings
 - Added Ellsworth tax and zoning data
 - Adding Charlie’s information on culverts
 - Hired a wetland delineator – hopes to start next week
 - Working with Nate Moulton regarding safety requirements
- City of Ellsworth concerns
 - Stormwater at Card Brook
- Hoped to go to permitting and bidding late spring, early summer
 - Depends on permitting process and level of environmental scrutiny
- Design considerations
 - Lower elevation
 - Structure for crossing Card Brook and wettest areas
- Charlie
 - Walked the tracks section
 - Typical profile distance from center to toe of slope is about 21’
 - Can avoid taking land

Maintenance

- Charlie notes – will be grading from East Machias to Cherryfield
 - Next year will probably do half next year
- Will use some trail surface mix – Whitten’s has a pile

Trail surface improvements – There has been no progress this winter.

Eastport and Calais trail extensions or connections

- Not much happening in this section
- Snowmobile clubs have not been using the Calais section either
 - Pembroke Stump Jumpers didn’t do much grooming
- Dennysville is going to by another groomer – from Minnesota
- The Ayers to Pembroke section – needs some gravel, a culvert, etc.

- Sunrise Trail Coalition should explore ways to improve that section
- Nate Moulton issued a permit for a timber harvest along that section of trail
- Fred Marshall
 - o Bald Eagle Trail – noted that Plymouth Engineering has scoped a route that included the Washington County Technical College and Moosehorn, to a cemetery near Calais.

Machias Station 98 Improvements

- Proposed Deck and Ramp
 - o Backside of the station
 - o The deck would be in the ROW
 - o MaineDOT will provide a lease for the site
- We might donate a bike rack at this location (HCPC has several available)

Maps of ATV and Snowmobile trails

- Charlie has organized a mapping committee
- An East Machias committee member has prepared a grant proposal to pay for making a 2' * 3' map going Calais to Ellsworth
 - o One map for ATV
 - o Another map for Snowmobiles
- Person in Machias is willing to do the GIS work for \$1,000
- 5,000 maps at \$1 per map
- Maps would include business card advertisements – 100 advertisements
- Hope to have a map this summer
- Crystal noted that Torra Johnson has students doing projects right now

Schedule for Summer Events (for the website)

- April 18 – Columbia Falls Smelt Fry
- May – Smolt Bolt
- August 8th Calais - International Street Fair hosted by the St. Croix Valley Chamber of Commerce (www.visitcalais.com)
- August 14-15 – Machias Blueberry Festival
- July 3-5 – Various Independence Day Festivals
- September 26-27 – Ellsworth Autumn Gold Festival
- September 12-13 – Eastport Pirate Festival
- October 9 - 11 – Destination Cherryfield

Sunrise Trail Events

- Midnight marathon
- Ski Tour
- Charity Ride - Cookout with Friend and Friend

Other Business

Cherryfield Historical Society update

- Received a \$15k grant to fix the rail station

Leslie Harlow noted that there is a possibility of a grant for a tangible project on the trail

- o Might consider bike racks, visitor facilities, etc.
- o Jim Fisher– showed the bike racks that we have

Patrick Adams

- o US Bike Route 1 – signage has gone out to bid
 - Need to look at ways to manage the signage for BR1, ECG and DEST
 - Patrick plans to proof the route – checking on turns, road conditions, safety concerns, points of interest
 - BR1 – Coastal route will get signs in 2016
- o 3 feet minimum to pass bicycles signs
 - MaineDOT would like recommendations for other locations for these signs
- Ray Archer handed out Litter bags that are part of a landowner relations program
 - o Giving out bags to encourage people to collect litter
 - o Bags have Logos from businesses and Maine Government Agencies

Next Meeting

- May 12, 2015 2:00 – Location – Helens Restaurant – Machias
- Alternative location – Cherryfield