

**Downeast Sunrise Trail**  
**7/25/2007**

**Notes**

Attending:

David Rodrigues

- Signed contract for trail management
- Working on contract for bond money for corridor rehabilitation – railroad money not for construction of a trail.
  - Replacing culvers
  - Repairing washouts
  - Removing beavers
- DOC/DOT Salvage money can be used for corridor rehabilitation and trail construction
- Salvager may be able to do all of these projects at once
- Engineering company has a verbal agreement, but are not under contract
  - Want general designs for culverts, surface, etc.
  - Some of the inventory work is being done by Charlie Corliss
- May lease a helicopter to film sections of track identifying needs
  - The video would be used to inform bidders about the needs
  - Bidders meeting might be September or October
- Working on creating a map for the trail
  - Use MaineDOT GIS department
  - Might consult with Tom Reeves
  - Tora ... at UMaine Machias
- Surface for the trail will depend on cost. Per yard price will be part of the bid. Using road grindings on some trails. Need to look at transportation costs and long term maintenance costs of materials.

Charlie Corliss 546-2730 / 215-2873 / 87 Milbridge Road

- Met with Downeast Rail Heritage area at Washington Junction
  - Land is flat
  - Need to deal with a legal right of way for one house
  - Staked out an area with 45 feet on one side of the road
- Have completed walking East Machias to Schoodic Bog
  - Students were using a camera-phone to photograph the trail
  - Major washout east of the dike in East Machias
- Working with animal control officer to trap and remove beaver
- Culvert design needs to include barriers, etc. – Beaver Deceivers
- Permitting
  - Will be traveling some of the trail with a DEP representative to anticipate any permitting
  - Most permits are issued by rule
- Public Outreach

- Charlie will be meeting with the towns when the engineering firm
- The Rail Trust needs to keep tracks going north-east from Washington Junction to a Y for shunting trains.

- Jeremy noted that WCCOG prepared a routing study from Calais to Ayers Junction. This study is available online.



Julie

- Box Car project
- Stencils are being repainted by Marilyn Dowling and Steve Woodruff
- Planning to have Washington County Jail residents to renovate the interior.
- Need to build an ADA ramp, stairs, door, lighting, etc.
- Coplon Associates prepared some drawings for the gateway facility – indicating a park like setting with parking, trees, etc.
- Presented the drawings to the bank to see what they might consider. Mike Murphy manages the bank and has been involved in the trail project. The bank needs to decide what they want to do for the bank.

David – Box Car Day

- Celebration went very well
- Gathering, parade, meal, etc.
- Joe Robins donated smoked salmon
- Ukulele Band performed, dancing
- Dennis Damon gave a good speech, Ian Emery also spoke

Trail Committee – Has not met

### **Conference Committee – Economic Opportunities with the Trail**

- Co-Chairs – Jeremy Gabrielson and Gary Edwards
- Gary Edwards – Met with Janet Toth about participation by DECD
- Need to involve Fred Cook and DART, and Mickie Sumpter
- DERC&D board supports the concept
- Committee will hold a conference call to coordinate a meeting for next spring

### **Annual Meeting**

Board Nominations

Nominating Committee: Wayne Peters, Charlie Corliss, Bill Ceckler, John Ashmore

Leaving: Mike, Tory, Louise, Carol

Possible new members: Tora, Lucy Whit, Town of Franklin?

Membership Database – need to prepare invitations lists

Invitations

Food – Potluck, bring food to share  
David Whitney – bring grill

### **Topics**

- Events over the past year
- Helicopter video
- Photo Bucket – repository for images

Date: October 24- 10:00 AM

### **Newsletter**

Time to do another one

Invitation to the annual meeting

Content

- Trails day report
- David and Charlie's Column
- President's column (short)
- Agenda for Business meeting
- Announcements

Sponsorships – \$250.00

- Archibald – Clinton Gardener, Service Station in East Machias
- Helen's
- Bluebird
- Trading Post
- Arthur Teenan
- RH Foster
- Cadillac Mountain Sports
- Friend and Friend
- Bar Harbor Cycle

Committee: Jim Fisher, Maggie Warren, Julie Isbill, Sally

### **Future Trail Management Committee**

Charlie will invite towns to designate a representative to attend DEST committee meetings

**East Coast Greenway Report** – Tabled until after the annual meeting.

**Machias Eggs and Issues** – David Whitney spoke about the DEST to about 25 people. Most were friendly. Some concerns about night time noise.

**Rotary** – Charlie spoke about the DEST. Questions raised about speed limits.

### **Updates**

Jim Fisher

- Quimby grant lost
- Ellsworth Bike Ped
- Orrington-Bucksport-Ellsworth Trail

September 21-22 – Trails Conference

## **ACTION ITEMS**

Agenda for Next meeting

- Newsletter
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### **Next meeting**

- August 22 10:00 am Cherryfield Academy
- September 25 10:00 am Cherryfield Academy
- October 24 10:00 am Cherryfield Academy – ANNUAL MEETING
- November 28 – DERC&D