

**Sunrise Trail Coalition**  
**9/20/2011**  
**Helens Restaurant, Machias**  
**Minutes**

**Attending:** Sally Jacobs, Joe McPhail, Judy East, Jocelyn Hubbell, Charlie Corliss, Steve Sloan, Bill Cherry, Bill Ceckler, Polly Ceckler, Sandy Johnson

**Managers Report:**

**Trail Conditions**

- Water rivulets are draining out of tire ruts and causing some erosion
- Have contracts with Jonesboro Sand and Gravel to repair three sites with more significant damage
  - Planning to use 1" minus
  - Bank run gravel in a few locations
- Resetting granite blocks 12' apart at road crossings
  - trying to create a sense that you should not drive down the trail.
  - Allow groomers and emergency vehicles to pass through
- Joe – the club is taking on the brush issue from the big storm. Club hired a local contractor to cut and chip the leaning trees – Ayers Junction to Georges Crossing (18.5 miles)
- Joe
  - Also working on graveling the abandoned ROW from Ayers Junction to Route 1 in Pembroke
  - First 900 feet are gravel over the tracks – told not to use a permanent material
    - Sand has packed pretty well over the tracks
  - Filling holes, replacing culverts, had a difficult time keeping the trail open last winter
  - Now the trail is 20' – 30' wide, removing underbrush, but leaving higher branches
  - Trestle has railroad ties. May deck it over next year with wear strips, railings, etc.
    - Bill – should the DEST contribute funds for this project?
    - Joe – so far hired a local contractor with a grinder to cut it down
      - Contractors grinder broke down
      - Brushing – so far has cost about \$15,000
      - Almost done brushing
    - Have some we spots to fill
    - Want to gravel over ties where they were left behind
    - Working with RTP Grant funds – maximize what they can with this funding
  - The last mile has topsoil and growth, etc. A new embankment probably needs to be built up with new gravel. Might require \$8,000 - \$10,000 of gravel.
  - Using ATV funds currently
  - Charlie-recommend putting construction fabric down before the new gravel.
  - Judy

- not eligible to use CDBG funds on state owned property
    - Might use recreational trails program
  - Bill – Sunrise Trail Coalition strongly supports this project
    - Scott is asking how to use
    - Encourage \$10 to \$15K be dedicated to this project from the RTP funds that we have now.
  - Jocelyn
    - Not sure how much federal support there will
    - Non-profit applications are due by December 1
  - Charlie noted funds are being used already
    - Brushing on the trail
    - ATV Trail up Fiery Mountain
- MOTION: Sally Jacobs moves, Polly Seconds – DEST supports putting an additional \$10,000 from the RTP grant to purchase gravel for the Pembroke extension. Motion Passed.
- Outhouses
  - Can we use the RTP funds to solve the outhouse problem?
  - These funds cannot be used to rent a porta-potty or maintenance costs
  - DOC privies cost between \$2,000 and \$3,000
- Machias High School is considering building an entrance onto the trail
  - Trail will install a culvert
  - High School will build a new entrance for cross country team
- Bill noted receiving an email with complaints about bumps in the trail
  - Some areas the fines have washed away
- Events – Website: Charlie will be the contact person on the website
  - October 5: High School Cross Country Event in Machias - Dunkin Donuts to Rim Road and back
  - October 22: Fall Colors Ride
    - ATV's – 9:00 AM at Washington Junction
    - Bikes – 10:00 AM Franklin
    - Volunteers
      - Jim Fisher
      - Sally Jacobs
      - Sandy Johnson
      - Charlie – Washington Junction
      - Friend and Friend

## Trail Guide

- Jocelyn – Displayed an example of the trail guide page template
  - Plan is to create 14 one sided sheets – representing 14 segments
  - Businesses could print these with their business information on the back
  - Chambers of commerce might also use the back side

- STC can approach businesses – place business card ads on the back
- Jim put out a map showing the locations
  - We have about 120 locations with 500 photographs

### **Bangor Hydro Activities**

- Largely completed the Franklin to Route 183
- Working primarily between Route 183 and Unionville
- Will be working into the autumn
- Bill Ceckler – what can we do to widen the graded area at Route 183?
  - Making that a little wider would make this area easier for parking
  - There is wooden cribwork
- Environmental restrictions make it difficult for BHE to widen a parking area
  - STC / DOC / DOT might be able to get a permit
  - Three-Phase might be able to do the work
- ACTION: Steve – ask STC to send three phase a note thanking Three Phase
  - [David.Ranta@3phaseline.com](mailto:David.Ranta@3phaseline.com)

### **Nominating Committee** – Bill has been calling people

- Steve Reese - President
- Steve Salisbury -
- Phyllis Young – Greater Ellsworth Chamber of Commerce
- Ian Staub –
- Eleody Libby
- Judy East (or designee) – Ex Oficio
- Machias Chamber:

### **Washington Junction Kiosk**

- Have materials
- Needs volunteers

### **Annual Meeting**

- October 12, 2011
- 11:00 AM – Potluck and Trail Ride

### **Following meeting**

- November 9<sup>th</sup>
- 4:00 PM at the Maine Grind