

**MINUTES**  
**Trails Committee**  
**May 4, 2015**

Attending: Norma & Ron Wiesen, Wayne & Lenore Renaud, Dave Mitchell, Emmet Avery, Sue Trecartin, Alex Utevsky, Eric Remick

1. **Trails Condition.** A week ago, there was snow and mud. There are a couple of trees down and several down on the bike trail.
2. **Financials.** We have \$6180.98 less the Power Shift renewal of \$127.41, so about \$6,000. The bird walk honorariums will come out, putting us at \$5,800. The Pumpkin Walk expenses will come out of the Recreation Committee. Eric expects to hear about our grant application very soon. Our leftover money will get rolled into the capital expenditures, and we will have to find out how to access those funds.
3. **Minutes.** Nicole moved and Dave seconded. Approved.
4. **REACH.** Planning to be on the trails the first couple of weeks of summer.
5. **Poetry for the Trails.** Nicole will put out reminders at Hardwick Elementary and Sue will do the same at Hazen. We need submissions by the end of May. All poets whose poems are chosen will receive a free Trails t-shirt.
6. **Signage.** The signs that Lenore ordered are here. When the ground is ready, they will go up. "Stay to the Side of the Tracks, No Snowmobiles. Sharp Curve, No ATVs." Total cost \$63. Lenore will order the large etiquette sign(s) from Great Big Graphics once we all give our okay on the content—she will re-post them. Emmett has the bright orange arrow signs for the bike trails that he will mount in sprockets.
7. **Music Installation.** It has been partially removed. Dave will remind the Hazen Music Department teachers that it all needs to come down.
8. **Cancer Walk** occurred yesterday. Alex spoke to the organizer who said there was a good turnout. The tape is still there and Lenore will call.
9. **Bird Walk.** We had 15 people, very good attendance. Recorded two new birds, an osprey and a common merganser (fly-overs). Mary Myer and Jodi Lew-Smith may do an event in July with P-K to Gr. 3—identifying walk.
10. **Cabin Step Replacement.** Dave has seen a beautiful slab of granite in the gravel pit that would work for a new step if we can get it here. Regular wooden steps would require two. Eric will contact Ben regarding a project for his Forestry group. Eric will also ask for the sap lines to come down on the trails and for them to fix the hole by Lew's bench.
11. **Hazen School Board.** Eric still has to set up a meeting. They may not have regularly-scheduled meetings in the summer; perhaps we could ask for a meeting then. Eric will email Sue Ellen, Board Chair.
12. **Cutting Brush.** Ron will see that the brush around the cabin gets cut to open it up and the yellow plastic tank moved to another location.
13. **Youth Coordinator.** There is a meeting on Mon., May 11, at 3:00 PM. here at Hazen for all interested community members. Ron sees a need for a person to coordinate youth-related activities in town. He will offer the Trails' facility for storage.

14. **Mountain Bike Report.** There is a meeting this Wed., May 6, 6:30 PM at the cabin; will choose a regularly-scheduled day of the week as a work day for the season. Dave says the bike trails look really good; upper trails great; some places have trees that need trimming. He needs some type of vehicle to carry the tools in and out. There's a Northeast Kingdom Youth utility wagon in the cabin that will work. An alternative would be to build a box that can be locked and the tools left there. Dave also saw a DR power wagon on Front Porch Forum for \$800 that would be nice.

15. **Coin Drop.** Set for July 11.

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Trecartin

**Next Meeting:** June 1, 2015, 5:30 PM, at the Cabin.