

Hardwick Trails Meeting Minutes

Monday Dec 5, 5:30pm

Present:

Doug, Lenore, Wayne, Gail, Eric, Judy, Helen, Norma, Ron

Trails Conditions: Inner trails all rolled. Coverage is thin but perhaps skiable

Financials Lenore: operating balance is still at \$5761.78. Capital Fund has \$5,093.40

Upon motion by Doug, seconded by Ron the committee voted to approve the minutes from Nov 7.

Additions to agenda: TrailHub: Doug to send Eric a link to be able up to update trails conditions on the web site and on

Report on purchases:

- Leaf Blower: Hazen has one we can use so we're not buying one. Dave used it on some of the single track and Doug said the results were great.
- Snow Roller/Compactor: Purchased with money (approx. \$2000) from our capital fund, Wayne and Eric picked it up from the warehouse in White River Junction a couple weeks ago, assembled and used it for the first time today. It works great, just like the other one.

Report on signs:

- Gail has 3 directional signs that will be posted in the village. Cost was \$18.63 each
- Lenore reported that dog signs are still in the works.

Discussion on formal relationship of Trails Committee to Town of Hardwick:

- Eric described a proposal to move forward as a sub-committee of Rec
- Doug reported that he has talked to Jessica Manchester (Rec Committee) and they wanted him to change the Trails web site, domain name, etc.
- Ron reported that Jessica is trying to get a calendar going but the rest of the Rec committee might not be that concerned about it. There wouldn't need to be any Rec impositions on the Trails website. Rec doesn't want control as much as information to be able to coordinate recreation related efforts. Rec will likely end up creating more sub-committees like the Trails committee
- Judy noted that we could insert language into the new SB Policy on Rec that would make Trails pretty autonomous. We could call the Trails committee a "Standing Sub-Committee" which would imply permanency,

- Helen noted that the Trails has received a lot of support from the town.
- Lenore noted that the town does such a great job with the Trails finances that we would not want to attempt that work on our own.
- Norma noted that the town has been a willing partner in grants and served as our fiscal agent.
- Doug noted that entering into a more formal agreement might have downsides that we haven't even thought.

Ron moved that the trails continue as a sub committee of Rec and that Trails formalize this arrangement, Eric seconded, motion carried 7 to 1.

Eric moved that we nominate Judy to draft language into the Rec Policy for Trails. Seconded by Helen, motion passed unanimously.

Norma noted that we need to have an election of officers. We will do that in our January meeting

Helen will help us re-visit our 5-year plan in the new year, date TBD.

January meeting will be 9th

Norma will check with Jon Jewitt to be sure we're warning the meeting appropriately.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Remick