

HARDWICK TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, August 2, 2021

5:30 pm meeting - email hardwicktrails@gmail.com for an invite
Hazen Cabin

In attendance: Kat and Dave M, Ron W, Kelly R, Helen B, Lenore and Wayne R, Tod D

1. Adopt/Amend Minutes of July 12 Meeting
 - Approved unanimously
2. Additions to the agenda
3. Updates:
 - a. Signage
 - Single track signs going up slowly but surely
 - b. MOU
 - Ron W, Helen B, and Todd D met with Jason D (Hazen principal) and Steve F (Hazen School board rep) and discussed new MOU between Hazen, Hardwick, and GMTCC
 - Jason D will spearhead MOU process
 - Will emphasize Hazen's leadership role in determining future of Hardwick Trails
 - Will need forestry plan...seeking possible grant funds for this through an upcoming VOREC grant
4. Ski Purchase Strategy
 - Eric R works with Craftsbury Outdoor Center to procure ski equipment
 - We have an up-to-date inventory...may need more adult skis and boots
 - Talked briefly about elementary school needs and how we envision lending program this winter
 - Kelly will talk with Pat Pennock at HE to assess potential demand
 - Helen will talk with Eric about estimating need
 - Decision about longer term loan vs Saturday morning loan to be further discussed.
5. Trails grant/improvement update
 - No news...we need to spend these funds ASAP
 - Waiting on excavator jockey from COC
 - Dave will contact Eric to research how to expedite efforts, including plan if Luke (COC) is not available

6. Financials: Norma Spaulding

- No news

7. Larry Michael's Event Planning (August 28)

a. Signage

- Kelly R is contacting printers to produce an aluminum plaque to be placed on kiosk

b. Program

- Helen B will say a few words, Lenore R will contact Marc Luneau to see if he could also
- Lenore will look into refreshments for gathering
- May take a short walk up the Sugar Road to see Larry Michaels memorial trail, "Larry's Legacy"
- Eric will make trail sign
- Will publicize event on Facebook and website

8. Map printing update

- Maps need QR code update
- Need new large format maps for kiosk
- Need new "You are Here" maps for trail junctions

9. Grant Opportunity

- VOREC grant available for town
- Town is planning to apply and ask for up to \$600,000
- Trails will be included and needs to come up with "wishlist"
 - Cabin and kiosk upgrades
 - Hire a forester to produce forestry plan for MOU

10. Other business

- Dave M will contact Tod D about tree clearing around cabin

11. Adjourn...meeting adjourned at 6:40

Next meeting August 30 at 5:30 @ log cabin

Respectfully submitted by Dave Mitchell