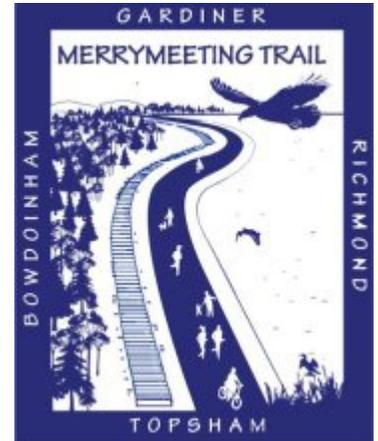


Merrymeeting Trail Committee
Wednesday, June 25, 2014
Meeting Notes

The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m.

Attending:

Nicole Briand, Bowdoinham; Carrie Kinne, KELT; Jeremy Cluchey, Bowdoinham; Ruth Indrick, KELT; Victor Langelo, Topsham; Andy Hendrickson, KRRT; Tom Reeves, Richmond; Linda Christie, Access Health; Steve Musica, Richmond; Lynn Sanford, Bowdoinham



Board of Supervisors

- Bowdoinham and Richmond
 - both towns approved giving the Selectboards the authority to sign on to an interlocal agreement
- Next steps to get to a final agreement:
 1. Each Town now needs to nominate 2 people to be on the interlocal agreement review committee (pre-Board of Supervisors)
 2. the Board will review the interlocal agreement
 3. towns will decide whether to approve the interlocal agreement
 - Richmond and Bowdoinham selectboards will decide
 - Topsham will take it to town meeting
 - Gardiner city council will sign
- Short term next steps
 - Victor will meet with Rich in Topsham so they can go to the Selectboard to have people appointed
 - Nichole will set up the date for a September meeting of the pre-Board of Supervisors

Brochure

- Attendees reviewed and commented on the draft of the brochure.
- Ruth will send out a pdf copy after this meeting and will need all comments back in 1 week. She will give all edits to CCGIS so they can update the brochure.
- would be ideal if the brochure could be done by the first week of August for Tour of MM Bay (did not happen - the plan is now to have it done and printed for when Bike Maine passes through our region during the 2nd week of September)

Signage for Interim Route

- Signs have been ordered and we will have them in a week or two
- Ruth will order posts.
- The timing for getting the signs up will be discussed at the next meeting. Last meeting it was discussed that the Board of Supervisors could be responsible for placing the signs, but there is now agreement that we should aim to get the signs up before the Board of Supervisors exists (that is at least a year away) due to goals of the project and expectations of the funder that supported purchase of the signs.

KELT Updates

- We received Sewall Funding.
- Carrie will bring the budget to the next meeting - \$63,000 total.

A2K Updates

- Bath has all the match needed for engineering
- they are in need of a logo and website

Topsham Trail Updates

- Still in need of match - \$17,000 left to go for current trail project

KRRT Updates

- Half marathon fundraiser took place last weekend
 - >300 runners
 - \$8,800 in sponsorships
 - good food
 - Augusta mowed the whole trail for the race
- City of Augusta does a lot of promotion for the trail
- This year expenses include:
 - spraying for poison ivy and knotweed - \$1,000
 - replacing 4,200 feet of fence - they will be replacing the cedar fence with green chain link fence (3 inches off the ground) for easier maintenance

Next Parts of the Trail to Focus on:

- Richmond - needs \$240,000 match
- Browns Point and Pork Point

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Next meeting: August 27th at 9 a.m.

Submitted by R.I.