

Merrymeeting Trail Committee
Thursday, May 27, 2015
Meeting Notes

The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m.

Attending:

Nichole Briand, Bowdoinham; Victoria Boundy, Richmond; Ruth Indrick, KELT;
Carrie Kinne, KELT; Tom Reeves, Gardiner; Colleen Fuller, Access Health



Updates

Board of Supervisors

- Topsham adopted the Interlocal Agreement at their Town Meeting on 5/20
- Next step is for it to go to the Gardiner City Council
 - It will be a subject at their meeting within the next 2 weeks.
- Following Gardiner, it will go to Bowdoinham and Richmond Selectboards
 - within the next 2 to 4 weeks
- Goal is to get it approved within the next month
- Interlocal Agreement text was shared with:
 - ME DOT
 - MCOG
 - will be shared with KVCOG (NB will share)

Interim Route Signage

- Towns will wait to put up signs until after the towns are done reviewing the interlocal agreement
- RI will sort the signs at Topsham into groups for each town
- RI will deliver signs to Bowdoinham and Richmond and talk with Rod about Topsham
- CK and TR will deliver signs and communicate with the town of Gardiner
- Goal is to have signs up before the C2C bike ride on July 25th

Opinion Leaders Survey

- CK and RI will follow up with people to make sure it is moving forward
- There is some interest in pushing the due date for the surveys back to July
 - Ck will check in with Sarah Curran
- cost concerns have already been identified by some of the people that have been interviewed
 - if that ends up being a consistent concern, that suggests a study to analyze trail options that might cut costs could be a valuable future project

Capital to Coast Bike Ride

- RI will coordinate with VB to identify the best Richmond parking location
- could invite people to dress in Victorian dress..... (Renaissance is the Richmond Days theme)
- Bowdoinham farmer's market will be at the waterfront this year, so it will be even easier for bikers to stop there
- RI will bring posters to the June MMT meeting

KRRT Update

- KRRT annual half marathon is scheduled for June 28th
 - TR will bring the new C2C brochures to the event

Future Meetings

- July meeting may be in Topsham
 - with Planning Decisions to focus on opinion leader survey
- September or October MMT meeting could be in Gardiner
 - in order for Patrick Wright and Patrick Adams(MDOT) to attend
- Meeting with this MMT group and the MMT Board of Supervisors in the fall
 - outline current status, history of this group and MMT, aims of group, and challenges faced thus far
 - this meeting will take place before the bylaws are set

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Next MMT meeting: June 24th at 9 a.m. in BOWDOINHAM

Submitted by R.I.