

Merrymeeting Trail Committee  
Wednesday, August 27, 2014  
Meeting Notes

The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m.

**Attending:**

Nicole Briand, Bowdoinham; Ruth Indrick, KELT; Victor Langelo, Topsham;  
Andy Hendrickson, KRRT; Tom Reeves, Richmond; Linda Christie, Access  
Health; Steve Musica, Richmond; Victoria Boundy, Richmond

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**Update:**

- Dan Stewart is leaving ME DOT next week
- As he has been an advocate and point of contact for the trail, Vicky and Nichole will catch up with him to wrap up some trail questions before he leaves.

**Board of Supervisors**

- Bowdoinham and Topsham
  - both towns have selected 2 people for the working group
- Richmond
  - is waiting for the new town manager to start before selecting people
- Gardiner
  - no outreach has yet been done to select people
  - Tom will talk with Scott Morelli
- Next Steps
  - Have 1st meeting in October when people are set from all the towns.
  - Goal is for this group to have any edits to the interlocal agreement done by February, so it can go before the selectboards and town meetings this coming spring
- Questions/Discussion About Group
  - Do appointees need to be town officials?
    - in the current interlocal agreement draft, it says 1 town official and 1 citizen
    - KRRT doesn't have a specification about town officials vs. citizens - it is currently all citizens
    - for the current stage of getting the agreement set and approved, the goal is to get officials from the towns involved now and potentially give them the chance to step out if they would like later
  - What happens with this group next?
    - will it stay in working group advisory role? will it merge with the board and just have voting and non-voting members?
      - will be figured out as the interlocal agreement comes together and things change over the next few years

**Capital to Coast Brochure**

- Final edits will take place this week.
- Ruth will look up printing costs

- Goal is to have it finalized so we can share the map when Bike Maine passes through Bath

#### **MMT Interim Route Signs**

- Nichole will contact Steve Landry at DOT to get written official approval for the interim route
  - As soon as we have this the towns can start putting up the signs
- The signs and posts are stored at Topsham Public Works

#### **A2K**

- Approved a website address and temporary logo that will be used in the Capital to Coast brochure to market the trail.

#### **Greater Topsham Trail Alliance**

- Victor is still looking for \$ (17,000)
  - project deadline is whenever construction starts
  - it may be next year because a DOT project manager has been assigned to the project
    - this means it is an official project, ready to go soon

#### **KRRT**

- Fencing Contract
  - awarded a \$40,000 fencing contract, had 7 bidders
  - will put in 4,200 ft. of green chain link fence
    - cedar fence was too much of a commitment
- Cobbossee Stream Trail
  - Gardiner section of trail - Gardiner is focusing on this trail
  - Preliminary designs are done
    - U ME Augusta architecture department put together the designs for the trail and the Cobbossee corridor
    - were 4 planning sessions this summer
    - \$1.25 million estimated cost, town has \$1 million from grant already
    - town needs to raise \$200,000

#### **Merrymeeting Trail Website**

- Victor and Jeremy have been working on updating the MMT website
  - Victor is doing the technical programming and Jeremy is doing the content and design
  - new sites is: [new.merrymeetingtrail.org](http://new.merrymeetingtrail.org)

#### **Plans for Next Meeting:**

- The signage will be ready to be installed by the towns
- The 1st work group meeting will be scheduled
- Maps will be ordered
- Discuss \$ allocations for 2014-2015 Sewall Foundation grant
- Discuss work plan and next steps for project

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

**Next meeting: September 24<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.**

Submitted by R.I.