

Merrymeeting Trail Committee
Wednesday, September 21, 2016
Meeting Notes

The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m.

Attending:

Ruth Indrick, KELT; Victor Langelo, Topsham; Tom Reeves, Gardiner;
Nichole Briand, Bowdoinham; Jeremy Cluchey, Bowdoinham; Carol
Eyerman, Topsham; Steve Musica, Richmond



Assessment of Rail and Trail

- Tom identified possible consultants - through research and DOT suggestions
 - VHB - Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (Portland)
 - Railroad Industries Inc. (Reno, NV)
 - HDR (Boston)
 - Stantec (local contact Paul Pottle)
- 3 categories of questions we will ask consultants
 - infrastructure - what is there and what will it cost to fix
 - marketability - what is there and how will it impact the existing rail system
 - future - how will future technology changes impact usage
- Next Steps
 - Ruth will draft a project scope that can be reviewed at the next meeting
 - Invite MCOG and KVCOG to the next meeting when the project scope will be discussed
 - Contact Burnham Martin at NPS to find out if he is aware of any other trail systems that have faced similar questions in a similar situation

Name

- MMT Blazers it is!

Board of Supervisors

- Their September meeting was cancelled, but we will still be having our joint meeting on October 18th at 4pm in Richmond.

Updates for newsletters

- Ruth will put together by early October

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Next Merrymeeting Trail Blazers meeting: November 2nd at 9 a.m. in Bowdoinham

Submitted by R.I.