

MERRYMEETING TRAIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2013 8:30-10:00

Participants:

Nicole Briand, Vicky Boundy, Linda Christie, Victor Langelo, Lee Cataldo (BTLT), Alicia Heyburn, Jon Edgerton.

1. Updates

Active Communities Conference - many members of the MMT coalition attended and we compared notes. Vicky has some funding suggestions from one of her sessions that Alicia will add to the funding matrix Burnham created.

Richmond – No word yet from Dan, awaiting confirmation letter of funding but not optimistic. Nicole requested use of the double track section in town from DOT, this would reduce the cost a lot and perhaps private funding would be available to construct it, or contract with Iron Horse.

A2K – Bath is Maine’s first ACE team and is doing great things like bike to work week banner, community ride, rodeo... Andrew Deci suggests putting our energy at the top with legislators, and awaits Dan’s decision on TE funding for engineering which will guide next steps with West Bath and Brunswick including a meeting with Eastern Trail (John Andrews and Carol Brush).

GTTA – vote approved for \$10,000 through taxation to provide match for the trail, plus some reserved funds. \$160,000 match is required before the construction will be scheduled by DOT, they are close, private fundraising next.

Nicole/Dan Stewart – 2.5 hr meeting! Signage for interim route is possible, DOT says our logo is too detailed for on-road signage (Jon will find images of what KRRT does) so we suggest a standard green bike sign, with “MMT” above, as Eastern Trail says “ET”. A second rail ride for Dan, Nicole, Alicia and Burnham was requested. Consider finding local funding for “3’ it’s the law” signs along route 24.

2. Work Plan

Richmond farmers market starts mid June. July 27 is Richmond Days. August 3 is the Tour de MMB. Celebrate Bowdoinham in Sept will include a bike ride. Alicia will create a map comparing the interim route and the proposed route. Alicia will update the Powerpoint so we can add it to the website.

3. Implementation Plan

WP provided costs for conceptual designs for some sections. LIDAR is available now from the State, WP can take the topography and do conceptual design for the prioritized sections. We intent to apply for construction funding from **Jane’s Trust (July 15 deadline)**, possibly adding conceptual design for the second section.

4. Fundraising

Still waiting to hear from Doree Taylor and Sewall, expected in June

Next meetings

- ◆ July 10 in Bowdoinham
- ◆ MMT in Gardiner in September
- ◆ MMT in Topsham in January

Adjourn 10:00