

**TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN
NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS COMMITTEE
JULY 1, 2015**

Call meeting to order: Anne Small at 5:30 P.M.

Roll Call: Present were Anne Small, Mary Platner, Bob Schell, Jim Swenson, Wally Geist & Marion Janssen. Absent – Becky Dunn

Open Meeting Verification: Anne informed the committee that she posted agenda as required by State Statutes

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve by Bob Schell, 2nd by Mary Platner. Vote was unanimous.

Citizens' Concerns: None present

Anne had prepared a list of priorities for the committee to review. The following items will be given initial preference by the committee:

Directional trail signage & map signs (2015) Six signs would be needed to post at entry points of the existing trail system.. Town has authorized \$300.00 to be used for blaze markers and signs.

**Signage at Weber Rd access point & block trail to snowmobile traffic – fall (2015)
Need to purchase signs**

Bench Replacement: Discussion to obtain donations. Becky Dunn suggested using McNaughton prisoners to build benches at a cost of approximately \$350 to \$400 per bench, which includes materials. Anne/Becky to research further (2015)

Brush /Widen current trails: Most trails are wide enough to groom a single track. John Vojta offered use of his grooming equipment. (2015)

Construct trail access point & parking area at school grounds: Access will be by pond. (2015)

Add Awassa Trail details to Town website: Jim Swensen to ask town board (2015)

Create a paper map for distribution at Chamber & businesses (2015)

Meet with wildlife ecologist from DNR to discuss ways to diversify habitat – any thinning of forest will fund trail work: Anne Small will schedule and will walk along with representative. (2015)

Remove/Replace Birdhouse signs along bike trail: Suggested with boy scouts or wildlife club to see if they would want to do the new birdhouses. (2015)

Remove “No Hunting Signs on Awassa Lands Need 2 people to do. (2015)

Come up with list of “Rules” for Awassa Property Visitors: Committee to send all suggestions to Anne. (2015) Some suggestions, no motorized vehicles, dogs are to be on lead, etc..

Create logo for trail. Start in 2015

Trail Kiosk at Trailhead (2016)

Interpretive Signage designed & installed: would want to use cost as part of grant shared costs (2016)

Purchase trail maintenance & ski grooming equipment: (2016)

Layout/construct new trails on Stewardship Property. (2016)

Construction of New paved biking trail to Half Mile (2016)

Construction of New Parking lot along Half Mile (2016)

Conduct baseline inventory as per the Land Management Plan: (2016) Anne to set up with DNR, Jim S. to ask town board

New Sign along Highway: Need to work with Wausau Homes (2016)

A discussion of grants available and when the requests should be submitted:

WPS Grant: Grants are available up to \$5,000, but representative told Anne that funds are short due to multiple requests.

Recreational Trail Aids would be a matching grant administered by the DNR, deadline would be May 1, 2016.

Discussion of the Lumberjack Council grants, Ted Ritter is the representative.

**The committee would like to schedule a walk of the winter loop prior to the next meeting.
Tentative time & date is July 26, 2015 at 10:00 AM.**

Next committee meeting will be on August 4, 2015 at 5:30 PM at the community center.

**Minutes Prepared By:
Marion Janssen**