

**TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN**  
**Non-Motorized Trail Committee Minutes**  
**19.03.25**

- 1) Meeting called to order at 5:32 PM by Anne Small.
- 2) Roll call: present were Bob Schell, Jim Swenson, Jimmy Vogel, Becky Dunn, Penny McCormick, Anne Small. Absent were Marion Janssen and Mary Platner.
- 3) Open meeting verification: Anne Small stated that she posted the meeting agenda before 5:30 on March 24<sup>th</sup>, in accordance with the open meetings requirements.
- 4) Jim Swenson made motion to approve agenda, Bob Schell seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 5) Bob Schell made motion to approve the minutes of the February committee meeting, Jimmy Vogel seconded. Motion carried.
- 6) Citizen Concerns: none
- 7) Fern Ridge Trail
  - a) Trail report- Jimmy Vogel and Anne Small both reported that judging from the snowshoe tracks, the trail had been getting considerable use this winter.
  - b) Acquiring materials for bog boardwalk: Jim Swenson would talk to Tim Ebert about ordering the culverts for base of the boardwalk. He would also use Jim Vogel's boardwalk plan to order the lumber from Eliason's in early April.
  - c) Parking lot relocation to Forest Lane: Jim Swenson stated that he would have Tom Christenson add discussion of parking lot relocation added to the next Town Board meeting. He said that in discussions with DNR reps, we should be able to move stump dump over to Pedycourt property, but just need to figure out logistics for that. Committee agreed that having the parking lot in the current stump dump location would make its construction much easier and require little to no cutting of trees. The current Fern Ridge Trail would then be extended to meet up with the parking lot and the lot would be multiuse open to ATV and snowmobile trailer parking, as well.
- 8) Awassa Trail
  - a) Trail report – Jimmy Vogel gave a summary of his hours and fuel usage for grooming and trail maintenance through the winter for both the Awassa and fatbike loop. He reported lots of downed branches and small trees from the heavy snows.
  - b) Discuss & set date for laying out final trail segment: postponed until snow melts.
- 9) Bike & Hike Trail
  - a) Trail report
  - b) Update on info regarding flooded bridge on east end of trail: Anne Small stated that she talked with Melissa Yarrington from the DNR regarding the bridge. She could not find any record of that bridge needing a permit and said it was not in a "wetland" classification. Jimmy Vogel said that the best plan would be to raise the entire bridge so that it is above the water. As a temporary fix, he thought we could build a higher deck across the bridge and bring in some fill and hot patch to the higher level. Committee agreed to go out and check the bridge before next meeting.
  - c) Applying for Stewardship funds for raising bridge on east end of trail: Committee felt that we would like to get this work done before next year, so timing for a grant wouldn't work.
  - d) Anne Small made motion to recommendation to Town Board that they adopt resolution allowing e-bike usage on bike trail. Bob Schell seconded motion. Motion carried.
- 10) Next trail committee meeting was scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 PM.
- 11) Anne Small adjourned the meeting at 7:08 PM