

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN
Non-Motorized Trails Committee Minutes
April 27, 2020

- 1) Anne Small called meeting to order at 5:33 PM
- 2) Roll call: Present were Bob Schell, Penny McCormick, Jimmy Vogel, Jim Swenson and Anne Small. Absent: Brigitte Ryan
- 3) Open meeting verification: Anne Small stated that she posted the meeting agenda before 5:30 PM on April 24, 2020.
- 4) Read and approve minutes of last regular meeting: Anne Small made a correction to the minutes from the March 23 meeting, item 12. It should have stated that the motion was seconded by Bob Schell and the motion carried unanimously. Anne Small made motion to approve the minutes with that correction. Jimmy Vogel seconded. Motion carried.
- 5) Citizen Concerns: none
- 6) Awassa Trail
 - a) Trail Report: Anne Small and Penny McCormick stated that they both had been out on the trails. They were still a bit icy covered, but they both noted that the connector trail from Eaglewatch lot to the school lot had a lot of branches and small downed trees.
Committee discussed the need for additional dog waste bag station at the school entrance. Anne Small said she thought Sherry Stecker, who donated the one at the Eaglewatch trailhead purchased two of them. She would ask Sherry if she had the other one in storage.
Jimmy Vogel asked if we needed “dogs must be on leash” signs for both Awassa and Fern Ridge Trails. Committee agreed that this should be added to the signage at the trailheads, as people don’t seem to be abiding by the leash rule.
 - b) Anne Small acknowledged a donation of 650 candles for candlelight event by Terry and Michelle Duke, who wanted to make the purchase to help with the event. Bob Schell mentioned that Terry Duke helped with putting out the luminaries at this year’s event and also helped light the candles.
- 7) Fern Ridge Trail
 - a) Trail report: Anne Small said she and her son blew off the blue (new) loop of the trail to make the path more obvious. She stated that there were still some patches of snow on both loops and that they would have to go back out to blow off those sections and also the red loop. She also put up the rest of the blue trail blaze markers that she had left, but said more are needed along the blue loop. Anne Small will order additional blue trail markers along with the “dogs must be on leash” signs. She also noted that she would order the “to trailhead parking” sign that was discussed at a previous meeting.
 - b) Mountain bike trail grant update: Jimmy Vogel gave an update on the grant application for the mountain bike trails. He said that all the paperwork was prepared and that he would get the application sent out via both email and snailmail this week. He noted that his wife Jeanna also contributed a lot of time to completing the application. The deadline for the application is May 1st. Bob Schell asked if the cost of signage for the mountain bike trails was included in the grant costs. Jimmy Vogel said that this would fall under the cost for setting up the trails.
 - c) Discuss/schedule date to layout prospective snowmobile/atv trail reroute: Committee members would meet at the Fern Ridge trailhead off of Forest Lane on May 4, 2020, at 3:30 PM to walk and flag the prospective snowmobile/atv trail reroute. Committee will first mark with ribbons, then flag the centerline of trail after route is laid out so that members of snowmobile & atv clubs can come out and walk the route, then we would use wood slats to mark the agreed upon route before grubbing.
- 8) Bike & Hike Trail
 - a) Trail Report – Anne Small reported a lot of gravel and debris on bike trail. He said that they did open the gate by Cathy’s Ice Cream. Penny McCormick mentioned that the plow had knocked over the stop sign where the bike trail crosses Normandy Ct Road and also taken up a big chunk of the pavement. Jim Swenson said that the town crew would get those things repaired. Anne Small said she would email out a reminder to Adopt-a-Mile volunteers to go out and check their mile. She would ask Brigitte Ryan if

- she and her family would want to adopt Carol Brown's mile (mile 19-19), since Carol has moved.
- b) Bridge repair update – Jimmy Vogel said that he and Jim Swenson built the raised deck on the existing bridge along with temporary ramps that would be removed once Pitlick comes out and paves the approaches. Jeff from Pitlick came out to look at the bridge with Jimmy Vogel and said it should be done before Memorial Day.
 - c) Spring trail cleanup - Jim Swenson would ask if Tim Ebert could have the town crew blow the trail by the end of this week. We will decide on date to go out and trim brush after someone has a chance to ride the whole trail so that we can see which areas need attention.
- 9) Thank you letters for recent donations – Jimmy Vogel asked if we could send out thank you notes to all who contributed either donations or letters of support for the mountain bike trail grant at Fern Ridge. Bob Schell also mentioned that we needed to send thank you to Hiker Box for bringing the snowshoes to both of our events for people to use. Anne Small said she would send these out.
 - 10) Other ideas/input from committee – Jim Swenson noted that an individual at the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting asked about the status of the bike trail along the 50' corridor from town to Half-Mile Rd. He also stated that there was some question as to why many of the minutes for the Non Motorized Trails Committee were listed as "Pending approval". Anne Small said she would check with Ted Ritter about this as she thought she was sending Ted the approved minutes after corrections were made.
 - 11) Next Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2020.
 - 12) Anne Small adjourned meeting at 6:50 PM.