

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN
Minutes of the Non-Motorized Trails Committee
20.07.22

- 1) Anne Small called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM
- 2) Roll call: Present were Bob Schell, Penny McCormick, Lynn Uthagrove, Jimmy Vogel, Jim Swenson, Anne Small. Absent was Brigitte Ryan.
- 3) Open meeting verification: Anne Small posted the meeting agenda before 5:30 PM on July 21, 2020.
- 4) Read and approve minutes of last regular meeting: Jimmy Vogel made motion to approve the minutes from the June meeting. Bob Schell seconded. Motion carried.
- 5) Citizen Concerns: none
- 6) Awassa Trail
 - a) Trail Report – Penny McCormick noted that the arrow sign for the blue loop at the snowmobile trail crossing is obstructed by downed trees. Anne Small said she would move the sign to a visible place at the nearby trail crossing and we would abandon that short (20') side trail, as it was hard to maintain with all of the small pines during the heavy snows.
 - b) Kiosk by school entrance – Anne Small suggested that we move that kiosk along the Eaglewatch Ct entrance, and use it at the school entrance. The Eaglewatch Ct location for the kiosk is in a poor spot because most people don't park by it when using the trail. Committee agreed that this would be a good idea. Anne Small will look up the material list that was compiled by Zach Bloom when he planned the kiosk construction to see if it included concrete (for the posts). Jimmy Vogel thought that a skidsteer could lift the sign and then we could trailer it to the school.
 - c) Bid description for new trail segment Eaglewatch to School- Anne Small presented the bid description (see attached) for work to be done to complete the trail segment. She stated that the original Stormwater Permit did include this trail work, but she would need to check how long the permit lasts from date of issuance. Jim Swenson said he would email Melissa Yarrington at the DNR to find out.

Committee will meet on July 28, 2020, at 5:30 pm, to put wooden slats in place to mark the trail center. After that point, the committee will add a date to the bid, as far as when they need to be submitted. Anne Small stated that because this bid should be under \$5000 for the ½ mile, we can just get quotes from three contractors, as we did with the previous trail work at Awassa.

- 7) Fern Ridge Trail
 - a) Trail report – Jimmy Vogel added a donation box which he made with sign at the Fern Ridge trailhead. He said it would be a donation on his part. Jim Swenson said that Harmon was notified that they had won the bid for the trail reroute. Harmon was busy with jobs at the moment, but would get to the trail work soon.
 - b) Gates for old snowmobile/ATV trail – Jimmy Vogel said that it would be good to put in place a gate at the top of the hill off of Hwy 155 on the old snowmobile/atv trail. He said a gate similar to the ones placed at Awassa (the cattle style gates) would work there. Committee discussed ways to block off the other trail entrance off by the stump dump. Jimmy Vogel suggested a gate across the trail with berms on either side using brush or something else. The berms would be needed because it is so wide open at that point.
- 8) Bike & Hike Trail
 - a) Trail Report – Committee discussed the brushing that needs to be done along Cty C and by bridge behind Weber's house. Jim Swenson said that the town is trying to find out if volunteers could use the town gator under the town's liability insurance. Committee will wait to schedule brushing sessions until we can use the gator.
 - b) Review amendments to the the town's e-bike resolution – Anne Small said that she was contacted by the Boulder Junction Chamber of Commerce regarding putting in place an overall rule allowing ebikes on the Hearth of Vilas Trail System with a 15 mph speed limit. She stated that some of the HOV representatives did not like the speed limit idea, and our resolution did not contain a speed limit. Jimmy Vogel and Penny McCormick both said that including a 15 mph speed limit for e-bikes does not make sense, because most regular bikers go at speeds higher than that. Committee agreed that we

would keep the wording on our ebike resolution amendments from our June meeting. Anne Small would touch base with the other HOV members to let them know that we wouldn't have the 15 mph speed limit in our resolution.

- c) 50' corridor bike trail segment update – Jimmy Vogel showed Dave Bohnen (school building and grounds director) the proposed route along the edge of the school property. Dave Bohnen said that the school approved the location of the trail and asked to leave as much of a visual barrier with the trees as possible between playground and trail. Committee would mark the section by the school, with the access trail to the community park along the cemetery when they meet on July 28th to mark the Awassa trail segment. After that portion of the trail is marked, Jimmy Vogel will contact George Lurvey at Pitlick to get a rough estimate of trail cost, so that we have figures to present to the town board for the project.
 - d) Mark Hiller Memorial – Committee agreed that we would like to have a bronze plaque made with an inscription for Mark Hiller and have it mounted to a large rock. This would be placed by the bike work station and the bike trail kiosk would be moved to that location, as well. Anne Small will come up with wording for the plaque.
- 9) Other ideas/input from committee – Jimmy Vogel said he would like Anne Small to put on the August agenda - getting a chipper for the downed trees and clearing of brush on the existing red trail from Eaglewatch to the school.
 - 10) Next Trail Committee meeting scheduled for Aug 25, 2020, at the Chamber pavilion.
 - 11) Meeting adjourned by Anne Small at 7:01 PM

Awassa Trails Construction Bid Description
For Town of St Germain

- This new trail construction will be used for hiking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing
- Trails are located within the Awassa Trails property which is owned by the Town of St Germain
- New trail length will be 0.5 miles and the center of trail will be marked by wooden slats
- The final trail will be 8' tread with 1-2' buffer on each side of tread
- Vegetation and organic material (top soil) will be cleared from the tread surface
- All obstructions from the tread will be removed including logs, brush, stubble, protruding tree roots, large rocks and brush
- Low impact equipment (ie rubber tracked) required for trail work
- Dips and low areas in trail to be filled with dirt from surrounding area in order to and compacted to create a level trail surface
- Vegetation, organic matter and woody material that has been removed from trail surface should be moved into wooded area away from the trail and dispersed onsite but hidden from view
- Final trail surface will be smoothed using a power rake or other equivalent equipment
- Work to be completed by October 31, 2020
- Town has the right to refuse bids based on available funds.
- All bids must be submitted by ____ via email to smallanne76@gmail.com and will be reviewed by the Non-Motorized Trail Committee, with final approval by the St Germain Town Board.