

St. Lawrence County Recreational Trails Advisory Board Meeting
St. Lawrence County Soil & Water Conservation District Office

DRAFT Minutes for December 21, 2010

Present: Dawn Howard, David Irish, Art Wilson, Danny Collins, Spencer Thew, Roger Bennett, Wm Swafford, Tom Ortmeyer, Walt Paul, Bill Dashnaw, Kermit Blanchard, RB Lawrence, and Warren Irwin.

Guests: Ed Francis, Pat Whalen, Charles Scholer, and Mark Martin.

Excused: Stan Hewlett, Thomas Grow, Aaron Earl, Erik Backlund, David Butler, Judy Wendt, Bill Lutz, and Deb Christy.

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Chairman Roger Bennett.
2. Quorum present.
3. Motion to approve the Minutes was made by Warren Irwin and seconded by Kermit Blanchard. All were in favor.
4. Reports of Committees:
 - a. Executive – Roger Bennett. RB Lawrence and Art Wilson were appointed as the nominating committee.
 - b. Board of Legislators – Tom Grow and Alex MacKinnon.
 - Bill Dashnaw reported that the BOL is finishing out the year.
 - c. Oversight – Tom Ortmeyer and Kermit Blanchard.
 - Tom Ortmeyer reported that he and Kermit Blanchard met with Bill Dashnaw last week about the map. There are a couple of tough points to get through. They are waiting for changes in Albany. In the next few months the committee will work on staging areas. They will also meet with Town Supervisors in the spring.
 - Bill Dashnaw would like to draft a letter to Judy Drabicki at the DEC Region 6 office re sensitive areas we would like to gain access to. Roger Bennett would like a copy of the letter. Dawn Howard will send our letterhead and a new membership list to Bill Dashnaw.
 - Bill Dashnaw reviewed the current map with the group.
 - Pat Whalen talked about the three meetings held re the roads. The letter will reiterate the spots. Discussion was held on tweaking the letter and the path the letter will take to Albany.
 - Kermit Blanchard made a motion seconded by Warren Irwin, for the committee to send the letter to Judy Drabicki after it is refined to specify the areas.
 - Danny Collins reported that the Gold Mine Rd is cleaned up. He will send timesheets to Dawn Howard.
 - d. Finance and Insurance – Dawn Howard. No report.
 - e. Grant Search – Judy Wendt. No report. Bill Dashnaw reported that he looks for opportunities every month.

- f. Enforcement, Safety, and Education – Judy Wendt. No Report. Roger Bennett would like to see more with this committee in the next year.
- g. SEQR – Alex MacKinnon and Erik Backlund. Bill Dashnaw reported that the consultant is pretty much ready to go to the next stage. Public Hearings will be next. Bill Dashnaw would like to open at least some segments next year. We have \$500,000 to spend.

5. Unfinished Business.

- a. Roger Bennett stated that the revised By-laws will be out after the January meeting. Everyone should have a copy.
- b. There was no report from the new subcommittee re trail use by off road motorcycles. Art Wilson reported that the ATV Association voted not to recommend them on the trail system. Bill Dashnaw asked for a letter to that affect from the group.

6. New Business.

- a. Art Wilson asked if the start time for meetings in the winter months could be earlier. Roger Bennett asked if the group would like to meet earlier all year and also, if the 3rd Tuesday of the month was ok. The group consensus was to leave everything the same.
- b. Dawn Howard reported that the Town of Parishville called today requesting more copies of the pilot trail map. The SLC Planning Dept worked on a map, but the one out there with the rules on the back came from Judy Wendt and the ATV Assoc. It was noted that the map needs to be corrected in the Village of Parishville. It will then be sent to Bill Dashnaw to be reproduced at the County. Kermit Blanchard also asked that Bill Dashnaw check the status of the DOT bridge in the Village of Parishville.
- c. Dawn Howard received an e-mail from Pat McKeown, Executive Director re a partnership with the SLC Chamber of Commerce. The group asked that Pat McKeown be invited to attend our meetings.

7. Announcements. None. Roger Bennett wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

8. Next Meeting is 1/18/11 at 7:00 PM at the SWCD office.

9. Hearings and Comments.

- a. Ed Francis had another question on the pilot map route.
- b. Kermit Blanchard announced an Oversight meeting will be held after the holidays to discuss staging areas. A notice will be sent out. Note: 1/12/11 @ 3:30 pm at the SWCD.
- c. Kermit Blanchard had a question on who is looking at equipment. Bill Dashnaw and the Oversight Committee will do this.

10. Wm. Swafford made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Warren Irwin. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Minutes by Dawn Howard