

St. Lawrence County Public and Private Lands
Recreational Advisory Board Meeting

Draft Minutes for February 19, 2008

Present: Dawn Howard, Bill Lutz, Roger Bennett, Bill Dashnaw, Tom Ortmeyer, Aaron Earl, Bob Dowman, Stephen Papon, Kermit Blanchard, David Irish, Alex MacKinnon Laura Perry, Warren Irwin, Tom Grow, RB Lawrence and Jon Montan. (15 voting members and 1 guest)

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Chairman Roger Bennett.

Bill Lutz moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Bob Dowman seconded and all were in favor.

Bob Diehl, Lewis County Trail Coordinator could not make the meeting because of the weather. He will be attending the meeting next month.

Jon Montan was the guest speaker. He spoke about Lewis County and our pilot system.

- Suggested that we do not artificially segment the SEQR process. Each and every town should submit their part of the trail system.
- Do a generic environmental impact review with the understanding that the whole County system will be implemented in stages. (Changes are done in supplemental reviews)
- Laura Perry asked about staff time to do a SEQR.
 - o There is lots of detail, a look at conflicting uses, erosion impact, bridges involved, parking areas, etc. Also, need to get public input.
 - o The SLC Planning office is capable of doing, but needs to look at time frame and other projects. Option to hire a consultant for parts.
 - o Grant money for reimbursement of expenses?
- Pat Whalen has been hired as the new DEC Forester for St. Lawrence County.
- There was a consensus to invite the three towns north of Parishville (Lawrence, Brasher and Stockholm) and SLC ATV association to the next Oversight Committee to talk about specific trails. Then move to other towns. Need to work with Stan Hewlett to set up a meeting. Call each Town Supervisor and ask who the Town contacts are. Make sure we bring everyone up to speed. Some towns have not done anything to date.

Acceptance of Order of Business was done.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee – Roger Bennett sent the last minutes and agenda through email and wanted to make sure that everyone received them.

Trail Oversight – Tom Ortmeyer reported the last meeting was poorly attended. We will endorse the use of Bureau of Land Management trail standards. Also, need to pick a trail marker and kiosk design.

Mapping – Aaron Earl reported that there was no report. There was a question on entrance to Parcel #9 trail.

Finance – Dawn Howard reported that there was no report.

Education and Enforcement Committee – Laura Perry reported that there was no report.

BOL – No report. Have not seen new member paperwork yet.

Old Business:

- SEQR – Covered under discussion with Jon Montan.
- Lewis Co. – Meet with at next meeting. Bob Diele will have Martinsburg information and trail sign from Jefferson County.
- Parcel #32 alternate routes. Tom Ortmeier sent maps. Work on route at Oversight Committee.
 - Kermit Blanchard made a motion to enter and exit at point #1. Dave Irish seconded and all were in favor.
- Parishville – Alex MacKinnon and Dave Irish will work on writing a land and road law listing everything that needs to be in there.
- Dawn Howard gave a short Parishville sign ordinance report.

New Business:

- Dave Irish made a motion to have Jon Montan talk to the Planning Department regarding doing the SEQR. Kermit Blanchard seconded and all were in favor.
- Kermit Blanchard brought information from Vermont All Terrain Vehicle Sportsman's Association to utilize on signs. www.svtr.net

Announcements:

We will try to email a countywide trail map to all. Dawn Howard will look into this.

The Oversight Committee will meet February 26, 2008 at 7 PM at the North Lawrence Fire Hall.

Next Board meeting was scheduled for March 18th at 7 PM at SWCD.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Minutes by Dawn Howard