

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

Draft Minutes for June 17, 2008

Present: Roger Bennett, Heidi Ames, Bob Dowman, Tom Ortmeier, Ron Bertrand, Stan Hewlitt, Judy Wendt, John Manson, Deb Christy, Warren Irwin, Spencer Thew, RB Lawrence, Dawn Howard, and Aaron Earl.

General Discussion

Quorum @ 7:20

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by Chairman Roger Bennett.

Deb Christy moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Stanley Hewlett seconded and all were in favor.

-Bob Diehl had other obligations that evening, and wouldn't be in attendance.

John Manson: County wide SEQR fits well into this situation. Get the SEQR going and approved by legislators, and he'd introduce it at the IDA mtg, as well as a resolution to support it.

Timeline: approval by legislators, approval by IDA, Approved qualifications, award occurs, then back costs by IDA.

Judy W: Lewis County spent \$80k on their trail study. We have the pilot trail to start (likely will cost less), and ATV com. may want to use some of our current money before the award is granted.

General discussion on the trail contract price...

Dawn Howard arrived @ 7:45 PM

John M: the trail contract is very extensive and worth the amount charged, esp. if broken down into individual parts.

Tom O: Is the SEQR at the end or the beginning of the trail contract process?

Judy W: The recommendations are made, SEQR follows that and gets specific. The agreement is generic, and the end product is specific.

Tom O: Is John Montan involved here?

Judy W: He'll be contacted, the current direction is determined in part by Lewis County's mistakes...

Spencer Thew: Who is the lead agency?

Judy W: The County

Spencer T: Do we take on the trail system one piece at a time?

Judy W: Any comments on the resolution? Is this a good use for our grant money?

Several Commented: YES

Bob Dowman: Noted a correction in the title of the resolution agreement. Needed "Multi-Purpose" added into the title.

Spencer T: Shouldn't we include the state lands into this resolution?

Dawn H: There may be a slight chance for state land trail openings to occur, if current administration keeps on track with some language changes in the NYSDEC rules/guidelines.

Judy W: Add "County, and/or State, and/or easements" to the resolution.

Roger B: Lets have a vote on whether to pass the resolution.

Vote was unanimous; Resolution was approved @ 8:15 PM.

Further General discussion ensued on the costs and the contract will not necessarily have to be accepted next meeting.

John Manson out at 8:25 PM.

Trail Oversight Committee:

Tom O: two trail work days for June 28th, and 29th. On the 28th mark trails, clear them on the 29th.

Dawn H: trail posts and signs will be provided by the highway department. Speeds will be posted. 15 mph on curve, and 30 mph on straight-aways.

Tom O: Sunday Rock Club wants to participate in the marking and clearing.

Dawn H: Order more trail closed signs.

Tom O: Meet at the Parishville Town Barn at 9 AM on both days.

Dawn H: 3 changes to trails-Benson Rd, remove parcel 37, place numbers and mileage on map.

Mapping Committee- no comment

Finance Committee

Dawn H: reimbursement & labor tracking forms dispersed. Discussion on labor, costs, etc. County will be reimbursed for the cost of the signs.

Enforcement Committee- no representation.

Board of Legislators- no representation.

Grant Committee- covered previously

Old Business- short discussion

Adopt a Trail-

Judy W: planned work is out of scope of the agreement, and needs to be clarified. Need a document up front to have clear do's and don'ts within the workload for volunteers.

General Discussion

Roger B: Lets table this until the County Attorney returns the feedback form...

Coordinator-

Short discussion. Judy W: back to language specifics within the DEC rules, "designate truck trail as roads." Counties appear to be banding together to bring suit against the state for the use of trails.

Discussion on brochure

Discussion on rules for trail use

New Business

Deb Christy-storm clean-up will be more expensive than the last time. Passed out recent pictures of the damage. Discussion follows

Next Board meeting was scheduled for July 15, 2008 at 7 PM at SWCD.

Roger Bennett adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM

