

St. Lawrence County Recreational Trails Advisory Board Meeting
St. Lawrence County Soil & Water Conservation District Office
7:00 PM

DRAFT Minutes for June 15, 2010

Present: Dawn Howard, Roger Bennett, Walt Paul, Warren Irwin, Bill Swafford, Stan Hewlett, David Irish, Thomas Grow, Art Wilson, Danny Collins, Aaron Earl, Alex MacKinnon, Spencer Thew, and Tom Ortmeyer.

Guests: Pat Whalen, John Manson, Mary Long, Ed Long, and Ed Francis.

Excused: Russell Lawrence, Kermit Blanchard, Erik Backlund, Dave Butler, Deb Christy, Wm. Dashnaw, and Wm Lutz.

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Roger Bennett at the SWCD office.
2. Quorum present.
3. Motion to approve the Minutes with one minor correction was made by Warren Irwin and seconded by Tom Grow. All were in favor. Art Wilson asked that the date of the benefit ride as listed in 7 a. be changed to July 11 (not 13th.)
4. Reports of Committees:
 - a. Executive – Roger Bennett.
 1. Art Wilson reported that Kermit Blanchard had a quadruple by-pass in Plattsburg today. As of 4:00 pm he was doing fine.
 - b. Board of Legislators – Tom Grow and Alex MacKinnon.
 1. Alex MacKinnon reported he is glad Tom Grow is back.
 2. The BOL is discussing the IDA taking over Economic Development. This would change our Trail Coordinator position.
 3. Re-elections are coming up.
 4. The Outdoor Wood Boiler issue was discussed.
 5. Art Wilson asked about the SEQR on the new parcels in the trail extension. Alex MacKinnon replied that the County Attorney was reviewing to see if this would be segmenting the project and that if it is, it may be better to wait. Hopkinton is already open.
 6. The Ethics issue is being discussed.
 7. The budget situation is also under discussion.
 - c. Oversight – Tom Ortmeyer.
 1. Trail extension was discussed.
 2. Cross County Trail being worked on..
 - d. Finance and Insurance – Dawn Howard. No report.

- e. Grant Search – Judy Wendt. No report. Warren Irwin reported that there is nothing on the Yamaha grant. Dawn Howard reported on a grant from NYS OPRHP re purchasing easements. Walt Paul asked for a copy of this information.
- f. Enforcement, Safety, and Education – Judy Wendt. No report.
- g. SEQR – Alex MacKinnon. Nothing additional to add.

5. Unfinished Business.

- a. Roger Bennett has not gotten the Committee descriptions for the By-laws yet. Please get those to him as soon as possible.
- b. Alex MacKinnon asked if the letter had been sent to Brookfield. Walt Paul reported that Dawn Howard had sent it. A copy was circulated. The ADK pressed the issue in another location and prevailed.
- c. Walt Paul reported that Bill Dashnaw is working with the DEC on a couple of blocked areas and is getting close. Walt Paul suggested that the group may want to document these problem areas. Alex MacKinnon made a motion to have the Trails Board draft a letter to send to the DEC. Warren Irwin seconded and all were in favor. This will go to committee and then to the Aug 2 BOL meeting. Walt Paul will do with information from Bill Dashnaw. Walt Paul will also look at the maps with Pat Whalen.
- d. Art Wilson reported that Deb Christy is working on the rail road tracks and a washout. John Manson said the repairs had been done by the Highway Department. A request/proposal is needed from the Snowmobile Association.
- e. Walt Paul asked Pat Whalen for information about an area behind Shurtleffs.

6. New Business.

7. Announcements.

- a. Roger Bennett reminded everyone about the Raquette River Blueway meeting.

8. Next Meeting is 7/20/10 at 7:00 PM at the SWCD office.

9. Hearings and Comments.

- a. Mary Long appreciates all we do and she's learned a lot. She thanked the group.

10. Motion by Dave Irish and seconded by Bill Swafford to adjourn. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Minutes by Dawn Howard