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TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE – JANUARY 6, 2015 DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Present: Dave Ward, Wendy Stevens, Heather Payeur, Chrissie White-Sargent.

Guests: None

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Ward called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

II. **PROPOSED WARRANT ARTICLE**

Mr. Ward stated Bill Bolton was creating a warrant article in regards for land that the town will purchase in the future, not to automatically put in “no motorized vehicles.” What he would like to see is that it has to be part of a trail system, not just a small piece that should be built and organized by an organized group recognized by the state that has insurance coverage. Mr. Ward stated he discussed the issue with Mr. Bolton and Mr. Bolton had decided to withdraw the article. Mr. Bolton would like to work with the Trails Subcommittee for a future article. Ms. Sargent asked if Mr. Bolton was a member of the Weare Winter Wanderers and Mr. Ward replied he is the President of the Weare Winter Wanderers. Ms. Payeur asked if this was for new purchases or existing? Mr. Ward stated only new properties as there is easement and deed language on existing properties that are legally binding.

III. **EASTMAN GRANT**

Mr. Ward stated the first thing DRED is looking for is for the Trails Subcommittee to be a registered entity with the State of New Hampshire. Mr. Ward stated we need to register with the state in order for him to communicate directly with DRED.

Mr. Ward reviewed the list of items needed:

Mr. Ward circulated a blank Articles of Agreement for a Nonprofit Corporation in order to register with the state and asked the members to sign it. Ms. Stevens was not comfortable signing the form.

Project Administrator Authorization Form – Mr. Ward will get a signature from Ms Bolton.

Landowner Permission Form – Mr. Ward needs somebody to go to the SAU 24 office to obtain permission from the school in order to connect to the back side of the Eastman property. Mr. Ward will call them. They do have a snowshoeing team and he would think they would be happy with it.

Certificate of Good Standing

Two topographical maps with highlighted project area – Mr. Ward sent them the map of the hand drawn trail and he was not sure if it was sufficient.

Natural Heritage Bureau Review – A form needs to be completed, along with \$25 and we need to submit a map with that also. Mr. Ward will complete this form. He will also get in touch with Mr. Carr to walk the Eastman property and review the bridge repair.

Three quotes for excavators for the parking lot. Mr. Ward will contact Brownies, Townes & D&S.

Mr. Ward will resubmit the form so it adds up correctly.

A written quote for the cost of the snowmobile and the drag.

A certificate of origin stating the equipment is U.S. made. Mr. Ward can obtain this.

Letters of Support

Ms. Sargent left the meeting at 7:30 pm

Ms. Stevens stated she was not comfortable rushing through all of the items, and especially the Articles of Agreement and more time is needed in order to set things up appropriately. Although it may make sense to the state that forming a non-profit is what they need to see, she is not sure that from the town's standpoint that it is appropriate at all. Ms. Stevens agreed to contact the Secretary of State in order to recheck their request.

IV. **SNOWMOBILE MAINTENANCE**

Mr. Ward stated that the snowmobile club has a rescue trailer, and it needs a snowmobile to pull it. Mr. Ward talked with the fire department and they have a rescue sled and having the snowmobile available to them sounds like a logical trade, and they would do the maintenance in order to park it there.

V. **MINUTES**

Ms. Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes dated December 2nd 2014. Ms. Payeur seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Stevens made a motion to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Mr. Ward seconded. The vote was unanimous and the motion was adjourned.

A true records,

Wendy J. Stevens