

Merrymeeting Trail Committee
Wednesday, October 22, 2014
Meeting Notes

The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m.

Attending:

Nicole Briand, Bowdoinham; Ruth Indrick, KELT; Victor Langelo, Topsham;
Andy Hendrickson, KRRT; Tom Reeves, Richmond; Linda Christie, Access
Health; Victoria Boundy, Richmond; Jon Edgerton, Wright-Pierce



Board of Supervisors

- 1st meeting is scheduled for November 4th at 4pm in Richmond
- TR will be leading the discussions
- goal is for them to have the final interlocal agreement done in February for the Topsham town meeting

Capital to Coast Brochure

- Brochures will be ordered this week, as soon as RI receives final printable version of brochure from CCGIS
- 10,000 will be ordered from Lincoln County Publishing (cost = \$1,348)

MMT Interim Route Signs

- RI will contact Public Works in the 4 towns to schedule putting up the signs
- Before contacting public works, information will be shared with the town administrators to give them an update about the project
- NB will send RI info about sign placement

Economic Development Study

- NB talked briefly with MCED - they need more information about scope of project before they can come up with a proposal
- scope and outline discussed
 - focus local and regional, make it relevant to each individual town
 - identify impact on social, environmental, safety, and health components of community
 - do the entire Capital to Coast system - Augusta to Bath
 - goal of output = identify economic benefits to the region, use as a tool to justify investment by the towns
- considerations
 - KRRT never completed a study either before or after about economic impacts
 - economics could be useful for communication with DOT and legislature
 - actual \$ value impact may not be high, but how can it be set up to take into account the intangibles (health, safety, ect.)
 - in making arguments for trail, is worth compiling quotes and statements about value of trail (quotes from realtors and others nationally and in the community).
- RI will contact project leaders for A2K and MMT to schedule meeting with Frank O'Hara to sit down and talk together about whether or not this study will help us to achieve project goals

- meeting will take place sometime in November, scheduled via doodle poll

The Trail in Richmond and Bowdoinham

- Bowdoinham
 - is important to do planning for Pork Point/Brown's Point section now before the road construction next year.
- Richmond
 - deciding whether to use funding for pre-engineering, right of way research, or match
 - discussion about how anything that can be done to minimize risk for DOT Locally Administered Projects (LAPs) helps move that project up the priority list (getting everything set with right of ways, utilities, environmental, ect. so that issues don't arise later that raise the cost) - lower risk=higher priority
 - JE suggests Mike Laberge as DOT person to contact about this
 - town has decent railway right of way, but there is a complicated section in town, a complicated double track section, and a complicated section with ledge
 - town has \$30,000; \$150,000 needed for total match
 - KRRT had all the right of way and offsets done before the funding came about
 - license/contact needed for railway corridor

Next Meeting Plans

- discuss the first 2 Board of Supervisor's meetings
- discuss 2015 Sewall foundation application
- discuss decision about economic development study and next steps
- review updated work plan

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Next meeting: December 17nd at 9 a.m.

Submitted by R.I.