

Merrymeeting Trail Alliance

Meeting Minutes - June 13, 2012
Bowdoinham Town Office

Attending: Nicole Briand, Bowdoinham; Vicky Boundy, Richmond; Bob Bruce, Merrymeeting Wheelers; Vic Langelo, Topsham Trails; Burnham Martin, NPS; Alicia Heyburn, KELT; Jon Edgerton, Jennifer Claster, Wright-Pierce; Andy Hendrickson, KRRT; Linda Christie, Access Health, Steve Chandler; Tom Reeves, Gardiner.



I. Introductions

II. Task List & Work Plan Updates

- Town intermodal status - Bowdoinham, will speak with town manager after town meeting tonight; Gardiner waiting til budget is decided; Richmond, waiting and hopeful. Others?
- Richmond DOT application
 - i. Vicky had rapid fire visit with Dan Stewart, he was very supportive & would like to do a site walk the second week of August. Encouraging application for 2 sections, High St. to Main St. and Maine to Lincoln Street. LOS – have received from Merrymeeting Wheelers, KELT, BCM, NPS, Healthy Communities. Deadline July 16 **send to Vicky.**
- Outreach
 - i. PowerPoint reviewed and critiqued. Living document and can be tailored to each audience. Create talking points for presenters.
 - ii. Friendly Summer Presentations: Topsham ConsCom and GTTA, Bowdoinham BWP, Bowdoinham Community Advisory Group, Richmond Trails and Conservation Group, Gardiner ConsCom, Friends of KRRT & Board of Supervisors, Brunswick Bike Ped, ECG/Tony Barrett, Bath Bike Ped. (post schedule on FaceBook)
Fall – Selectboard and Councils, State BikePed Council, Annual meeting to Friends of KRRT.
 - iii. E-newsletter – out, next issue include presentation schedule.
 - iv. Develop a brochure with map, justifications, how to get involved (Alicia & Jennifer)
 - v. Website, up to date and a good resource
 - vi. Facebook – more active, keep posting! 162 friends to date.
 - vii. Upcoming Events –
 - July 7-8 Bath Heritage Days (KELT)
 - July 6-8 Maine Bike Rally in Biddeford (Bob)
 - July 28 Richmond Days (Alicia am, Nicole pm)
 - Maine Hospice Event August 25 (Bob)
 - Tour de Merrymeeting Bay tbd,
 - Bowdoinham Days Sept 15
 - Dempsey Challenge October 13-14
- Trail of Statewide Significance
 - i. Nicole has talked to Dan and he indicates strong support, but needs a rail ride.

Expecting a definitive answer late summer.

- Interim Route Signage
 - i. Need to catch up with Dave Wood. Dan said DOT will design interim sign, we need \$ for construction and have installation done locally by towns. Funding sources?
- Funding – Project management money coming from MCOG, they have requested a full accounting. KELT is identifying sources of foundation money for match.

III. NPS Assistance

- August 1 deadline, simpler process for renewal, support letters would be helpful. Applicant would be MMT coalition. All approved.

IV. Kennebec Estuary Land Trust

- May 29th Steering Cmt meeting with all towns from Gardiner to Bath, Tom Farrell helpful history on Andro Bike Path. Strong energy from Bath and support from West Bath. Helpful to think “Capital to the Coast” for funding and regional support.

V. Other Business

- East Coast Greenway Trail Council May 19. Friendly crowd, Vic displayed MMT materials.
- Active Communities Conference. May 31. W-P/Rod presentation was very well attended.

VI. Next Meeting

- July 11 8:30 Bowdoinham

VII. Adjourn 10:30