

**MERRYMEETING TRAIL
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2012 AT 8:30AM
BOWDOINHAM TOWN OFFICE**

Attending: Jon Edgerton, Bob Bruce, Steve Musica, Dave Wood, Victor Langelo, Tom Reeves, Linda Christy, Vicky Boundy, Burnham Martin, Alicia Heyburn, Nicole Briand.



I. Updates

- Gardiner
 - i. Steering Cmt met on 11.27, see separate minutes. Early spring trail convention planned in Gardiner.
- Richmond
 - i. RTP grant was planned and LOS accumulated, but then due to snafus decided not to apply. Still need to schedule a site visit with Dan. Updates to Comp plan in the works, and there is community support for the trail. RSU offered to sign on as official supporter. Still no response to TE funding request.
- GTTA
 - i. Topsham Bike Path; Town Hall to Community Way (Highlands entrance on 196), eventually cross over road to MMT and Andro Bike Path. Looking for local match, needs \$160,000 (20% of project). MDOT has promised construction \$\$ in 2015 if local match can be raised. Sources: Topsham Development Fund will donate, \$50-\$60k needed from private sources - Sewall (\$10k) and Bikes Belong (?), Highlands (\$15k) and local businesses.
- A2K
 - i. January 7th meeting planned with West Bath, Brunswick and Bath to discuss match. Partial funding hoped for from DOT. Mtn bike trails exist on part of the planned route. Alicia & Andrew Deci will do site walk with GPS. Landowner permission will be needed before the trails can be signed and marked on published maps.

II. Work Planning

- Implementation Plan
 - i. Edits to the Plan format
 1. Break out design/engineering into Prelim Design (with LiDAR, show cost of this step) and Final Design.
 2. A,B,C designations are between town centers
 3. C3, so expensive and long, should it be broken down?
 4. Add alternate routes to C5 and B2
 - ii. Criteria for prioritizing a segment
 1. Ease of building (permitting, TRI – Title, Right, Interest)
 2. Visibility
 3. Individual impacts/mitigation
 4. Community readiness
 5. Links to good end points
 6. Synergy with other projects

7. Available funding – what types of projects are being funded

- Work Plan – Burnham and Nicole will review and update for February

III. Fundraising

- Sewall Foundation (due Jan 15, asking \$43k)
- [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Community Transformation Grants](#)
- Doree Taylor Foundation, longshot but will apply
- Outdoor Heritage Fund, March 1, need state agency sponsor
- Others?

IV. Events

- Capital to the Coast Planning Conference (Gardiner, Feb/March)
- Capital to the Coast Awareness Ride (June?)
- Tour de Merrymeeting Bay (August)
 - i. January meeting to identify partners and players
 - 1. GTTA, Rotary, MMT, BTLT, KELT, MMW, Topsham, BCM
- Local Public Meetings, January-March to prep for town meetings
- Interlocal agreements - get signed for 2013!
- Selectboard/Council Presentations
- Active Communities Conference May 7th. No presentation this year, unless we get on a panel. Alicia will contact Doug Beck to make MMT available.
- Consider Bowdoinham Tri for MMT fundraiser in future

V. Next Meeting

January 16th, 8:30-10:00 at Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust in Brunswick for working group
February 16th. Review Work Plan with whole group

VI. Adjourn 10:15