



ETMD Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2018

Present: Officers Bill Reichl, Scarborough, President; Tad Redway, Arundel, Vice President; Val Camire, OOB, Treasurer; Marianne Goodine, Wells, Secretary

Trustees: Greg Tansley, Biddeford; Bryan Laverriere, Operations Mgr., DPW, Kennebunk; Joe Yuhas, ETA; Jim Bucar, ETA; Bob Hamblen, ETA; Tom McCullum, South Berwick

Staff: Carole Brush, Executive Director – ETA/ETMD

1. **Welcome & Introductions - 8:30 a.m.**
2. **Minutes of October 10, 2018** – Motion by Joe, 2nd by Greg, all in favor.
3. **Financials** - Carole reported we are under budget on everything. All dues are in. Motion by Jim, 2nd by Joe, all in favor.

Blazing the Trail South funds – \$25,500 received in donations and grants so far. We should keep all funds in one account until ready to allocate for survey work, engineering & design, etc. Seven of 11 miles have been completed so far. Need \$40,000 to complete survey work on remaining 4 miles from Wells to N. Berwick line. ETA annual appeal will be focused on securing funds to complete Wells survey. Posted on-line, in e-news and hard copy sent to 850 members, donors & sponsors.

4. **Operations:**

- **IronMan** - Counter offer from Ironman is still too low at: 2019 - \$1,000; 2020 - \$1,500; and 2021 - \$2,000 (capped at \$2,000 for future years). Offered us charity slots - It costs ETMD too much to get volunteers to staff booth for 3 days. IronMan's entry fee is \$250/pp. Joe proposed \$2/pp for 2019, 2020, and 2021 and make negotiable for future years. The race is inconveniencing other users of the trail and we are not asking for much. Board consensus was to not approve, deny use of trail and go back to Larry Mead, OOB, to discuss. Carole will make appointment to meet with Larry with Jim and Bob to attend.
- **Hunting policy statement** – People have been hunting from the trail and local authorities have nothing to go by to keep hunters, ATV's or Snowmobiles off the trail. ETMD has easement rights and are obligated to uphold rules that ban people and vehicles from trail. Bryan - Kennebunk PD has nothing in writing on this and is hard to enforce. Carole will forward a copy of Co-Location Agreement to Bryan. Tad – Hunting Policy states “No Hunting on, from or near Eastern Trail”. Carole checked with Unitil and posted “No Hunting” signs in Scarborough. Bob – ETMD Guidelines need updating from 7+ years ago. Carole – will resurrect and make sure information is on web. She will send out email with link.

- **Connection Updates** – Tad reported that ACT (Arundel Conservation Trust) is very happy with the trail. Work to begin this month.

5. **Ongoing / Proposed Projects - 45 min** (Summary to follow)

- **Close the Gap** - Scarborough – Bill – still have to get license agreement from CMP. Trail follows CMP corridor from Pleasant Hill Rd. to Marsh. MDOT to approve – need easements from 3 other property owners. One commercial property owner is not happy with trail abutting their property. Bob – would like to see plans. Bill - they are on the Scarborough web under “Community Services – Trails”.
- **Blazing the Trail South - Kennebunk – South Berwick** – Carole has been trying to set up a meeting with Perry/So. Berwick for Dec 4th or Dec 18th with no success. Tom – The Vine Street Bridge supporters, along with the Town, want ETMD to change route from off-road to on road to include the bridge. Tad and Tom will join Carole at meeting with So. Berwick. Also need to map out responsibilities for various boards.
- **Wells** - \$40,000 needed to complete 4 miles of survey to NB border. Received \$20,500 private donations and \$5,000 from NNOF grant. 3 more grants of \$25k pending decisions in December.
- **North Berwick** – Tad, Greg, Tom and Carole met with Dwayne Morin, Town Manager, N.B. and Tarsia Robinson, Pratt & Whitney on 11/7. Tom and Carole presented 3 alternate routes based on their field trip from 11/2. ET will seek \$10K for survey from NB/Wells border to Pratt & Whitney. Tom presented a map of N.B. and reviewed 3 alternate routes with the Board.
- **Over the River – Saco-Biddeford connection** – Greg, Ryan, and Carole met on 10/30 with Kevin Sutherland, Saco City Administrator, Jim Bennett, Biddeford City Manager, Zach Mosher, Saco City Planner, Kristine Keeney, ECG NE Coordinator and Paul Niehoff, PACTS to discuss next steps and strategy to approach Pan Am regarding feasibility of rail to trail to close gap between off road routes from Saco to Biddeford. Follow-up meeting was held on 11/13. Greg shared map of railway through Saco to Biddeford. Carole to talk to Unitil to find out what they own and where.
- **Reports from Municipalities** – Previously covered.

6. **Outreach & Events – 5 min - Carole, Jim, Joe**

- EIS – Is now up on the web - <https://www.eastertrail.org/documents/ETEconomicImpactStudy2018.pdf>
- Upcoming ETA / ETMD events – Carole, Joe

7. **Other Business - None**

8. **Next Meeting** – January 9, 2019

9. **Adjourn** – 10:25 a.m. Motion to adjourn by Tad, 2nd by Marianne, all in favor.