



ETMD Board of Directors - Minutes

October 10, 2018

Present:

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

Trustees: Greg Tansley, Biddeford; Ryan Sommer, Parks and Rec Director, Saco; Bryan Laverriere, Operations Mgr., DPW, Kennebunk; Joe Yuhas, ETA, Tom McCullum, South Berwick, Bob Hamblen, ETA

Staff: Carole Brush, Executive Director – ETA/ETMD

1. **Welcome & Introductions** – 8:35 a.m.
2. **Minutes of September 12, 2018** – Motion to accept by Bryan, 2nd by Tom, all in favor.
3. **Financials** – Carole reported expenses tracking as usual. Still haven't received dues from So Berwick. Tom will check into this. Motion to accept by Tad, 2nd by Greg, all in favor.
4. **Operations:**
 - **Dues status** – This was covered under Financial report.
 - **Connection Updates** – ACT Connection Agreement – This was worked out with Unital. A copy of the agreement was presented to group with highlighted areas in question. Carole – Why are Arundel and DEP in there? Tad – Probably boiler plate to make sure they are not going over wetlands. It was already approved by Arundel and most likely a “catch all”. Under Paragraph #4 the highlighted sentence should be deleted: *“The plan design shall be prepared by Engineers and/or Architects in such form as to allow adequate review, and shall be at ACT’s cost.”* Under Paragraph #5, they are questioning material requirements for first 20 feet of connecting trail. Greg – Why should we treat them any different? Bryan – What do they need connector for? Tad – ACT trail will not be handicap accessible and is basically a foot path connector and not for bicycles, wheelchairs, etc. Others will access trail at Limerick Rd. The trail is built with Federal funds and should follow ADA guidelines. Tad suggested we go look at it. Also suggested to take out sentence in Paragraph #5 *“...trail not to exceed eight (8) feet”* as agreed by ETMD. Carole will get back to them and schedule a time for Roger, Tad and her to look at it.
 - **ETA reorganization** – Carole reported on her decision to cut back time with ETA. Primarily to focus more on ETMD side and work more on funding, working with municipalities, corporations, large donors and grants to help with “Blazing the Trail South”. Some discussion followed on what ETA’s role is. It was suggested that both boards should meet to discuss the responsibilities of each board and to make sure going forward that we are not duplicating efforts. Carole will set up Doodle poll to schedule.

- **Trail improvements** – Carole reported that trail kiosks need some work. There are 8 total. Material is outdated and kiosks need fresh coat of stain/paint. Board needs to decide on content. Marianne suggested including updated information about “Blazing the Trail South”. Should also include an envelope for donations.

5. Ongoing / Proposed Projects - 35 min

- **Close the Gap - Scarborough – 019386.00** – Bill – there is approximately \$55,000 in additional fees not accounted for. Need new project total. Carole - Money is still trickling in. Received \$600 donation from Dunstan Ace Hardware in Scarborough.
- **Blazing the Trail South - Kennebunk – South Berwick** – Carole –. She has a meeting in No. Berwick on Nov. 7th at 9AM with Dwayne Morin, Hussey Seating, Pratt & Whitney, and Pike. Looking for suggestions for the sewer plant area. Still working on a meeting in So. Berwick.
- **Grants** – Carole will be sending out three grant applications this week - \$10k each to Davis Conservation and Horizon Foundations, and \$5k to Fund for Maine Land Conservation.
- **Over the River – Saco-Biddeford Connection** – Carole met with Saco. They asked if there was an alternate route in Biddeford. Need both towns to meet and come up with strategy to meet with Pan Am and MaineDOT.
- **Reports from Municipalities** - Hunting season is approaching. No hunting allowed on ET, but hunters can access areas from trail. Need hunting signs posted.
- **Horses on the trail** – Horses are allowed on the trail and must follow rules. There is a section between Arundel & Biddeford that has been damaged. Also, manure has been left on the trail. Carole will get in touch with our contact regarding this.

6. Outreach & Events – 15 min - Carole, Jim, Joe

- **EIS** – Carole reported that Jim has completed the study and did a tremendous job putting it together. Counts for one year – So. Portland & Scarborough Marsh included – 251,000 users. Contacting Kennebunk Savings to see if they are willing to print or sponsor cost for 250-500 copies.
- **IronMan Status** – Carole reached out to them but has not heard back. They still owe us \$1,000 (\$500 ea. to ETA & ETMD) ETA/ETMD spent \$800+ in staff hours, hard to get 80 volunteers for the event.
- **Upcoming ETA / ETMD events** – Joe will be attending Hannaford job fair on 10/24, UNE Expo in Portland on 10/30, and Saco Recreation on 11/3. Full moon walk scheduled in Scarborough & Biddeford on October 24, in Scarborough on November 23, 6 PM and a Wassailing under the Full Moon in Scarborough in conjunction with AARP on December 22 at 4 PM

7. **Other Business?** – Carole mentioned on October 16th Revision Energy is holding an Eco Friendly Conference in South Portland, ET co-hosting.

8. **Next Meeting** – November 14, 2018

9. **Adjourn** – 10:05 a.m. Motion to adjourn by Tad, 2nd by Ryan, all in favor.