

Eastern Trail

Management District

Meeting Notes of 12 May 2010

Kennebunk Town Hall

Trustee Attendance:

Kittery	Suzanne M. Patrakis
Elliot	-
S. Berwick	Anita Rosencrantz
N. Berwick	-
Wells	-
Kennebunk	Caroline Segalla
Arundel	Tad Redway
Biddeford	Dan Letellier
Saco	Bob Hamblen, Saco, President
Old Orchard Beach	Jessica Wagner, Vice President
Scarborough	Bruce Gullifer
South Portland	-
ETA 1	John Andrews, Sect/Treas
ETA 2	Bob LaNigra
ETA 3	-

Guests:

Executive Director

Carole Brush

1. President Hamblen called the meeting to order at 8:35 A.M.
2. Bob LaNigra moved acceptance of April minutes Bruce Gullifer seconded. Unanimous.
3. Anita Rosencrantz reported that she is now the S. Berwick Trustee because Terrence Parker has been appointed to the town planning board. TP will serve as ETMD alternate.
4. Carole Brush reported she is keeping ETMap.Org up to date, but so far no sponsors have been identified. BG will include in his Scarborough newsletter. JA said ETA will include this in its next e-news. Rate sheet is on site.
5. CB reported ETMD site has been upgraded by Blackfly, and now looks like ETMap site. President BH said the purpose of the ETMD site is to act as a document archive.
6. AR reported on Memorial Bridge. Terrence Parker although no longer an ETMD Trustees will continue to attend Memorial Bridge meetings. She reported that according to the Portsmouth Herald, NH will assume full responsibility for replacing Memorial Bridge and has found sources of funds amounting to \$100 million for the replacement. It is expected to have sidewalks on both sides and to resemble the original historic bridge.

7. JA presented a series of maps with recommended on-road ET routes to connected the new OOB-Saco section and the Biddeford-Arundel-Kennebunk section for a complete end-to-end trip from Casco Bay to Kittery. (See attachment.) DL suggested ETMD consider an alternate Biddeford route that would result from reconnecting Mountain Road to the campus of Southern Maine Medical center. He agreed to investigate feasibility with the City of Biddeford. (Following the meeting, the proposal was dropped.)

8. Sign Dialog was introduced by JW. JW moved that ETMD continue to mark the on-road ET sections that will no longer be needed to provide end-to-end ET connectivity from Casco Bay to Memorial Bridge. Seconded by DL. Approved 8:1 with JA dissenting.

JW proposed that the ETA logo be modified for new on-road signs. Such changes might include changing the current text "Eastern Trail Alliance" to "Eastern Trail" and removing the RR track graphic. JW & TR agreed to work with MaineDOT Dan Stewart to development the new proposed new sign.

9. CB answered questions on her KAB & OOB-TA projects report previously sent by e-mail.

10. President BH reminded trustees that it's time to apply for federal funds from MaineDOT for ET projects with the deadline the end of June. BG reported that Scarborough will apply for funds to close the SP to Scarborough gap. AR reported that she will contact Mike Claus to consider applying for funds to design the section from the end of the KAB project south to Rte 236 in S. Berwick.

11. CB reported that so far only ETA and Scarborough have paid FY 2011 ETMD dues. She reported that Wells is not expected to pay. TR reported that Arundel selectmen did not make a recommendation and that it will be up to town meeting where there is expected to be some opposition.

12. CB reported that the ETMD Operator's manual is growing with support from JW and BH.

13. BL reminded us to support the Snowy Egret Run Walk to be held on Memorial Day morning on the Scarborough section of the ET.

10:30 At 10:30 TR moved we adjourn. Seconded by DL. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

John Andrews, ETMD Secretary/Treasurer
9 June 2010



1) Monthly Summary

2) April - 2010

3) Ongoing Projects:

a) Kennebunk – Arundel - Biddeford - PIN13341.00

i) Construction Phase: (MDOT Summary attached)

- (a) Completed: Aggregate base & retaining walls in place.
- (b) In Process: HNTB review of Sebago Technics' 4/16 draft report on slope failure raised some issues that need resolution before meeting can occur. Updated schedule will be sent to MDOT, ETMD mid-May.
- (c) Schedule: Construction still on schedule but has been intermittent – will resume week of 5/17/10. Kennebunk River bridge scheduled for July, 2010. Trail will be complete in Fall, 2010 with exception of Tpk.Bridge. HNTB began bridge design end of Apr; complete by July/Aug; out to bid late Aug; award Sept with completion in 2011.
- (d) Design Alternatives: Alan, Ed, Joel (MDOT), Jeff (FHA) and Roger (Unitil) completed analysis of areas where trail will be extended from 8' to 10' - great progress made
- (e) Turnpike Bridge: Bob Hamblen, John Andrews & Tony Barrett (ECGA) met with MDOT, MTA, HNTB re recommendations for bridge enhancements-per John's report: "As currently proposed, it will not look like your typical Interstate highway bridge, but will conform to those design standards. The curved safety fence is unusual and more graceful than the usual rectangular fence. It and the bridge will use different colors, perhaps blue tones. The names Eastern Trail and East Coast Greenway will appear in standard park brown..." (graphic attached fyi)
- (f) Meetings: Email eta@easterntrail.org or perkinsa@pbworld.com if interested

b) Saco to OOB – Cascade Road to Thornton Academy - PIN 13340.00

i) Status Final Design (see attached DHAI Summary for details)

- (a) Secure all easements; permits; etc.
 - (i) Prepare and secure all necessary permits – wetlands, etc Plan revisions and submittal anticipated mid May.
 - (ii) Anticipate public hearings in Saco & OOB June, July at latest
 - (iii) Crossings & Bridges (See DHAI Summary for details)
 - 1. I-195: Corridor borings completed-technical analysis anticipated within the month (Item #6-DHAI report)
 - 2. Route 1: Bridge will be pre-fab truss (Item #7-DHAI rpt)
 - 3. Mill Brook: Culvert based on steel plate arch design (Item#8-DHAI rpt)
 - (iv) Easement/CoLocation Status
 - 1. 5/10 Bob H has received positive response from Saco Inn & Suites & Silver Spring Campground re easements
 - 2. 5/10 TA Easement currently in review process between City of Saco and TA attorneys
 - 3. DHAI to work with City of Saco and ETMD to follow steps required by MDOT to secure above easements

- 4. 5/10 Unitil - per conversation with Roger, not able to sign CoLo yet (sent by ETMD on 4/08) until receipt & review of revised plans from DHAI but does not see any major issues and will support ETMD at the Site Plan Reviews if needed.
 - (v) DHAI working on NRPA & DEP permitting (Item #2 DHAI report)
 - (b) Target Schedule for FD completion is May-June, 2010 - Construction anticipated Summer/Fall, 2010.

4) Funding:

a) High Priority Projects; PACTS Earmark Projects; MDOT Quality Community

- i) HPP Status (see March summary report for details)
 - (1) Per John A, submitted & "authorized". (cleared for possible funding).
 - (2) Projects remain in that state for five years or are funded.
- ii) PACTS (see March summary report for details)
 - (1) Scarborough app pend for \$1,000,000 (\$800k w/ match of \$200k) for ET trail, Nonesuch bridge
- iii) Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Quality Community Projects
 - (1) Submittals due end of June 2010 for next round of funding ([application at http://www.state.me.us/mdot/projects-grant-applications/qcp/index.htm](http://www.state.me.us/mdot/projects-grant-applications/qcp/index.htm))
 - (2) Discussion suggested for May ETMD meeting – Projects? \$\$?

5) ETMD Operational Priorities

a) Dues – due July-August – 2010

- i) Initial letters, invoices sent out in Jan, 2010; follow up should go out end of May, early June
- ii) \$5,000 each received from Scarborough, Eastern Trail Alliance
- iii) South Berwick originally voted for 50%; subsequent presentation by Terrence Parker and Anita Rosencrantz convinced committee to support again this year for full \$5,000
- iv) OOB appears in favor of continuing, Jessica Wagner presented 1 page document (**attached**) indicating \$ value per mile of trail, developed in conjunction with input from Carole B, ETMD
- v) This justification document can be adopted for rest of municipalities – see Carole B for support
- vi) Although, Wells budget committee voted "No" John A gained a supporter after his recent presentation-quoting John "Thurs evening, as the Biddeford Open Space Conf ended, Keith Fletcher, a project manager with Maine Coast Heritage Trust who is also a Wells representative on the board of Great Works Region Land Trust, introduced himself. When he learned from me that Wells selectmen voted to stop paying ETMD dues, he said that he and Owen Grumbling, long-time chair of the Wells Open Space Committee and its conservation commission, could fix it." See John for more details.
- vii) Others?

b) ET Map Status

- i) Pending Items:
 - (1) Photos & info points are needed from South Portland
 - (2) Sponsors!! Municipalities to report on progress at May meeting.

c) Signage, Funding

- i) Signs: At April ETMD meeting, Dan agreed that there would be MDOT funding available for signage – Jessica putting together proposed plan - ETMD to discuss at May meeting.
- ii) Funding: Per Dan at April ETMD mtg.– no \$ available for dues funding but encouraged ETMD to submit for next round of funding –download application from <http://www.state.me.us/mdot/projects-grant-applications/qcp/index.htm>

d) Memorial Bridge Status – March, 2010

- i) Quoting Terrence Parker who has supported this project and attended many meetings: Outcome of the meeting last week is: "The good news is that a brand new bridge can now have the extra wide sidewalks on both sides for 'multi-use' plus

adequate lane widths on the roadway that the ETMD has advocated for. So that is a great improvement over the 2008 plan of no sidewalk improvements.” And - Per news article in Portsmouth Herald: New Hampshire took stand to support funding of bridge – (<http://www.seacoastonline.com/articles/20100507-NEWS-5070419>)

e) ETMD Monthly Financial Report

i) April Report (**attached FYI**)

f) Website <http://www.eastertrailmanagement.org/index.html>

i) ETMD website update awarded to Black Fly \$850 – beta version available mid-May.

g) Develop Owner’s Manual

i) Outline presented by Bob H.; committee formed: Carole B, Jessica W, Bob H.; Updates May meeting.

h) Trainings

i) Pipeline Safety Training (See John A’s email of 5/06/10)

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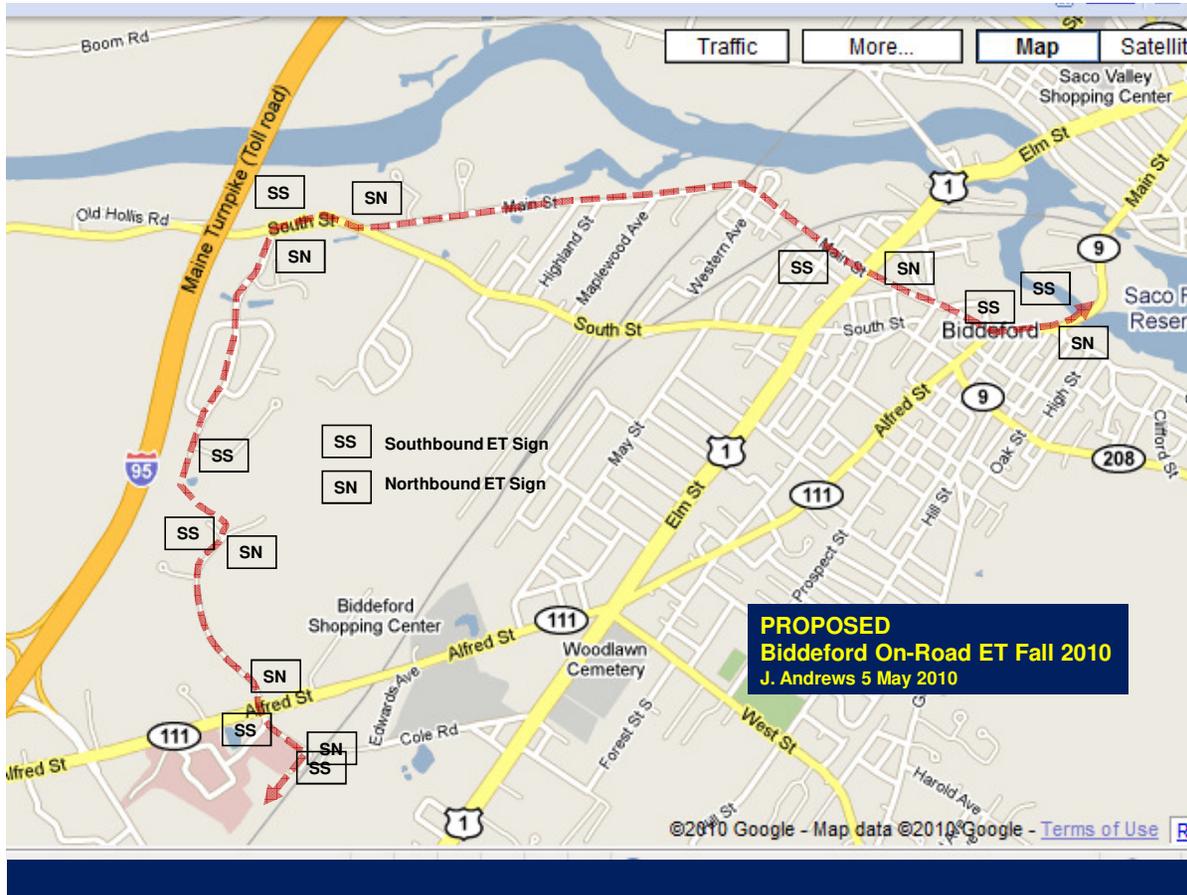
ii) Local Project Administration

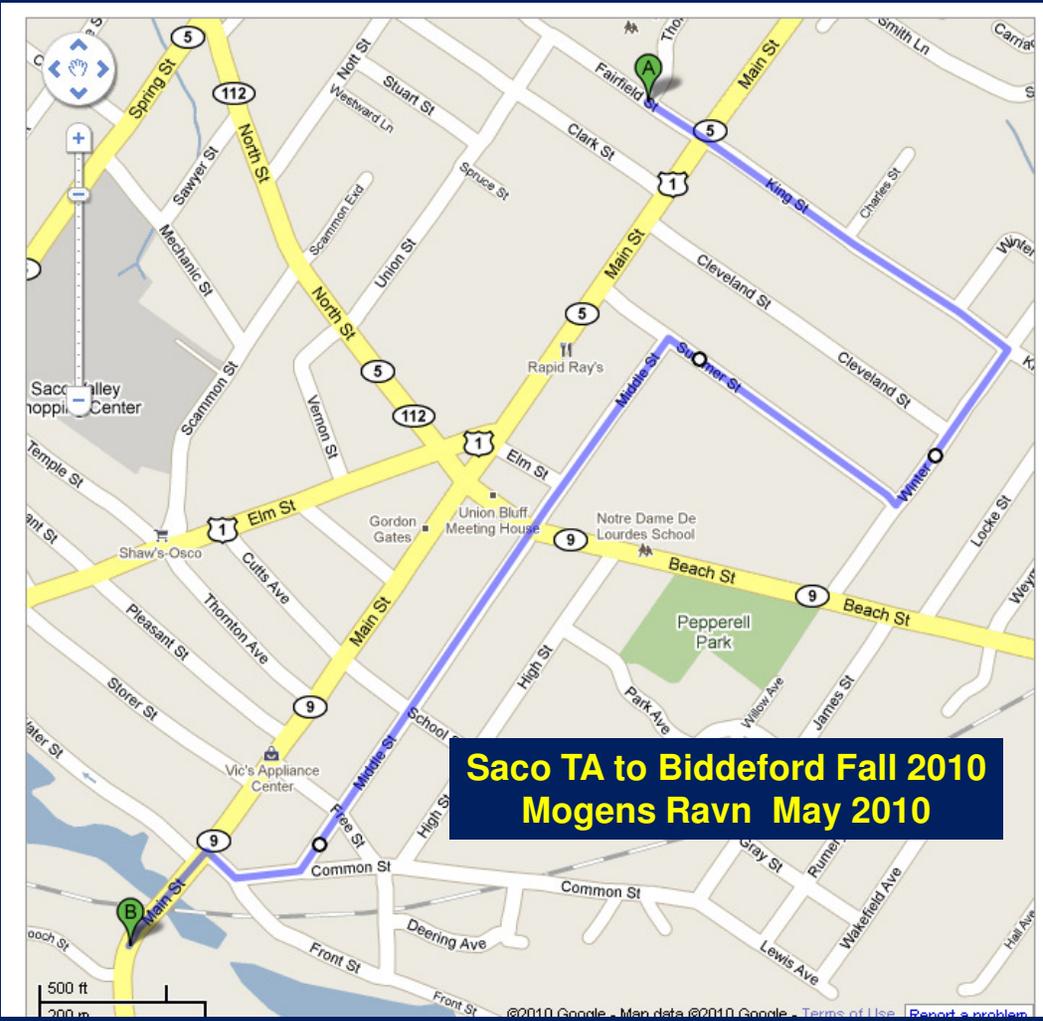
1. For info: email fred.hutchinson@maine.gov.
2. **April 27 (Tuesday) WATERVILLE** Waterville Elks 76 Industrial Street
3. **April 29 (Thursday) PORTLAND** Holiday Inn West 81 Riverside Street

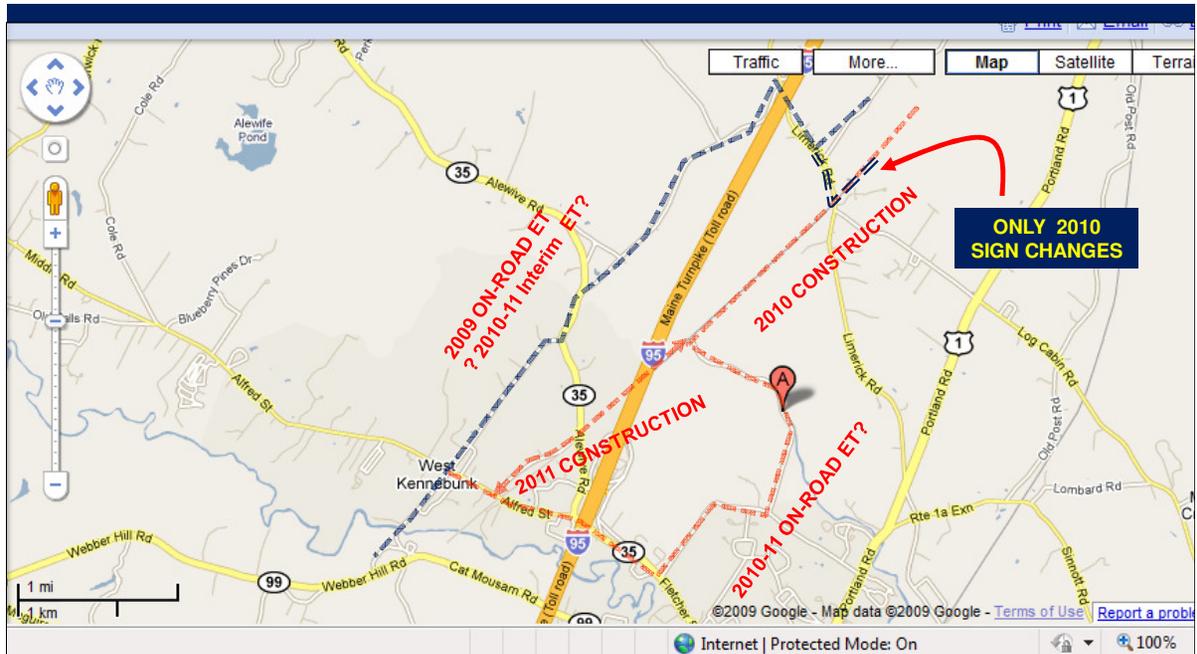
Recommended OOB-TA & KAB 2010 Sign Strategies

John Andrews, 12 May 2010

- Remove all current on-road signs that will not be needed for end-to-end ET navigation.
- In OOB remove signs from Milliken Mills Road to Saco (ALL on-road signs)
- In Saco Remove all signs from OOB Road to York Hill. Add signs to mark route shown in attachment.
- In Biddeford remove all existing signs except on Main at Hill St. (Change its arrow direction to point west on Main.) Add signs shown in attachment.
- In Arundel mark on-road ET from where the gas pipeline crosses Mountain Rd to follow Limerick Road north along existing on-road ET. Modify signage at Mountain Road at Limerick to show new on-road ET passes Mountain Road, but does not use Mt Road. See attachment.
- Kennebunk no changes until 2011 when the ET reaches Rte 35.
- Ask professionals to determine proper sign locations and others such as "share the road", and warnings at highway trail crossing as in Scarborough Marsh.







Limerick Road, Arundel to West Kennebunk Fall 2010 to Fall 2011

Move signs at Mountain and Limerick to Pipeline Crossing on Limerick. Add signs at Mountain Rd to show it is NOT the ET.