Eastern Trail

Management District

Minutes of 14 Jan. 2009

Kennebunk Town Hall

Trustee Attendance:

Kittery -Elliot -

S. Berwick Anita Rosencrantz -

N. Berwick

Wells Harry Tomah

Kennebunk Mike Claus & Manager Tibbetts

Arundel Aaron Sheilds- -Biddeford Dan Letellier

Saco Bob Hamblen, President

Old Orchard Beach Jessica Wagner

Scarborough Bruce Gullifer - Scarborough

South Portland -

ETA 1 John Andrews, Sect/Treas

ETA 2 Bob LaNigra

ETA 3

Eastern Trail Coordinator:

Carole Brush

- 1. President Hamblen called the meeting to order at 8:38.
- 2. Tomah moved, Wagner seconded accepting the Dec. 2008 minutes. Approved unanimously.
- 3. Eastern Trail Coordinator Brush's e-mailed monthly report was accepted.
- 4. Chairman Hamblen and ETC Brush reported design of the Saco-OOB section has gone to bid with a bidder's meeting set for 16 January.
- 5. Chairman Hamblen reviewed HNTB's proposal for final design of the Kennebunk to Biddeford 6.2-mile section.
 - a. Biddeford trustees and Kennebunk Manager Tibbetts agreed to assume responsibility for off-corridor easements for the spur trail to parking at Southern Maine Medical Center and for the landing area for the east side of the turnpike bridge. Removed from HNTB's goals.
 - b. Kennebunk plans to fund and build a spur trail to its elementary school that will provide trailhead parking.

- c. Dan Letellier, Aaron Shields and Bob LaNigra reported SMMC has agreed to allow Biddeford trailhead parking in a dedicated unpaved parking area during the week and access to its paved parking lot for weekends.
- d. Biddeford, Arundel and Kennebunk trustees agreed to support town approvals for any local wetland permits. Removed from HNTB's goals.
- e. Aaron Shields reported a major resort with cabins is being built in Arundel with a private gated access to the ET as an amenity.
- 6. Mike Claus recommended that ETMD define the section of off-road ET from Rt. 35 Kennebunk to Rt. 236 in S. Berwick as one section with an approximate total cost of perhaps \$3.5 million. Consensus was to pursue design funding in the next TE cycle and in the meantime investigate possible design and construction support from returning veterans support programs or the National Guard.
- 7. Easements Chair Andrews reported he sent a master co-location agreement based upon the OOB co-location agreement to Unitil. Legal support provided by Saco Councilor Eric Cote, Esq.
- 8. A discussion of on-road and off-road ET signage resulted in a sign committee being formed to investigate options and make recommendations. Members: LaNigra, Letellier, and Wagner.
- 9. A discussion of the ETMD website led to a consensus to continue paying for URL registration. ETC Brush will ask ETA's Webmaster Tim Lambert for a quote to provide some initial setup support. Once setup Dan Letellier offered to maintain the site with help from ETC Carole Brush uploading files as appropriate.
- 10. Chairman Hamblen asked for news items for the 2009 ETMD newsletter needed to communicate ET progress to the towns as they consider their 2010 FY dues.
- 11. Jessica Wagner moved we adjourn at 10:25. Seconded by several. Approved by acclamation.
- 12. Next meeting Wednesday February 11, 2009 at 8:30 AM in Kennebunk Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

John Andrews Secretary/Treasurer