

Eastern Trail

Management District

Meeting Notes of June 9, 2010

Kennebunk Town Hall

Trustee Attendance:

Kittery	Suzanne Patrakis
Elliot	-
S. Berwick	Anita Rosencrantz
N. Berwick	-
Wells	-
Kennebunk	-
Arundel	-
Biddeford	-
Saco	Bob Hamblen, Saco, President
Old Orchard Beach	Jessica Wagner, Vice President
Scarborough	-
South Portland	-
ETA 1	Tom Daley
ETA 2	-
ETA 3	-

Executive Director

Carole Brush

President Hamblen called the meeting to order at 8:35 A.M.

MINUTES:

Ms. Rosencrantz moved to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2010 ETMD Meeting.

Ms. Wagner seconded.

Motion carried 5-0.

CONSTRUCTION AND DETOURS:

Ms. Rosencrantz stated there was a meeting in South Berwick to reroute the Eastern Trail detour around the bridge that is under construction. She asked who would be responsible for signing the detour.

Mr. Hamblen stated that MDOT may have a conventional detour sign they use.

Ms. Patrakis indicated that one way to detour the construction in Kittery was through the rotary, but that is not a safe route for cyclists. Another route would to use temporary easements over private properties, but I'm not sure how feasible this is. Mary Ann Conroy (Kittery DPW Director) has offered to help designate the detour route. Ms. Patrakis stated she would double check with Ms. Conroy on the detour route through Kittery.

Ms. Rosencrantz stated that the trail would need to be detoured for two years during the major construction of the route. Since MDOT is behind the construction project, they should determine the detour and install the detour signage.

Mr. Hamblen stated that Ms. Conroy should be able to communicate with Dan Stewart about this.

Ms. Patrakis stated she would be in touch with Ms. Conroy.

SIGNAGE UPDATE:

Ms. Wagner provided an update on potential new trail signage. Tony Barrett was sent the mock ups. He was not supportive of having on and off road Eastern Trail routes because of the future of Bike Route 1. He also did not think the proposed design was an effective way-finding sign. Ms. Wagner stated that she had emailed Dan Stewart to set up a meeting to discuss signage, and hoped to have a meeting in early July.

Ms. Anita stated that is Bike Route 1 takes over the Eastern Trail on-road route, it is very possible that South Berwick could lose all interest in the Eastern Trail, because the likelihood of establishing an off-road trail through this area in the near future is very slim.

TRAIL SECTION UPDATES:

Ms. Brush provided updates on the Kennebunk-Arundel-Biddeford section under construction: we are ordering 33 locks for this new trail section. SMMC has sectioned parking and an unofficial trail from the parking area to the Eastern Trail. Two kiosks were included in the cost of construction, and we are trying to determine the best place for these to be located. Mr. Hamblen is attending a meeting on Friday to discuss the progress of the bridge over the Turnpike in relation to the geotechnical work.

Ms. Brush provided updates on the Saco-Old Orchard Beach section currently in the final design stages: we are beginning reviews under OOB and Saco planning boards. We need an appraisal done for each easement, and we are in the process of securing easements. Unitil has requested plans from Deluca-Hoffman, but has not received them yet. The final plans are required to be completed by June 30th. We are also \$1 million short on projected construction costs, and we hope this will also be sorted out on time.

FUNDING UPDATES:

Ms. Brush stated that the Arundel Town Meeting was that evening, and that Arundel would be voting on the funding. The write up done by Ms. Wagner in Old Orchard Beach was used to encourage support in Arundel. She stated on June 20, invoices would be sent to the towns asking for next year's funding.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS (tabled): Mr. Hamblen pushed the election of officers up to the July meeting due to the lack of attendance.

BUDGET (tabled): Mr. Hamblen indicated that there would be a carry over of funds from this fiscal year to next. He tabled the approval of the budget to the July meeting due to the lack of attendance.

ADJOURNMENT: At 10:05am President Hamblen adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Wagner, ETMD Vice-President June 9, 2010