

Eastern Trail

Management District

Minutes of 12 November 2008

Kennebunk Town Hall

Trustee Attendance:

Kittery	-
Elliot	-
S. Berwick	Anita Rosencrantz -
N. Berwick	-
Wells	Harry Tomah
Kennebunk	Mike Claus & Caroline Segalla -
Arundel	Aaron Sheilds VP -
Biddeford	Dan Letellier
Saco	Bob Hamblen, President
Old Orchard Beach	Jessica Wagner
Scarborough	Bill Reichl - Scarborough
South Portland	-
ETA 1	John Andrews, Sect/Treas
ETA 2	Bob LaNigra
ETA 3	Breeze Keller

1. President Bob Hamblen called the meeting to order at 8:38.
2. The president reported, that except for a small bill that is expected, the OOB project is complete. He also announced that the Town of Old Orchard Beach has accepted responsibility for any needed trail maintenance. After pointing out that South Portland and Scarborough are maintaining their sections, which seems to be the way all maintenance will be accomplished, Aaron Shields, responding to a question, reported that Arundel's street department and recreation departments will surely provide maintenance for the section in Arundel. Biddeford and Kennebunk are expected to do the same for their sections.
3. President Hamblen reported that HNTB has submitted a preliminary copy of the design engineering report for the project. He also reported that a meeting will be held Friday at 1 PM in Saco City Hall with HNTB to review their report. The three municipal representatives were invited to attend. Two concerns raised by the report were mentioned:
 - a. The HNTB estimated cost was about \$500K more than available funds. Some design options that could reduce the total cost will be considered at Friday's meeting.
 - b. Small sections of two abutting properties on the east side of the turnpike will be needed to allow the turnpike bridge and its east abutment to be

constructed. Mike Claus and Aaron Shields agree to examine the report and to plan an approach to the two landowners to seek access.

4. Mike Claus suggested ETMD needs more “ready to build” sections to take advantage of any federal economic stimulus packages. A dialog began about how to make progress on the southern end of the ET. Mike Claus offered to lead an effort to find funds for an engineering design.
5. After much discussion Mike Claus moved and Aaron Shields seconded “Motion to authorize the president to hire Carole Brush as Eastern Trail Coordinator of ETMD on a contract basis of \$30/hour between now and June 30, 2009 not to exceed \$16,000. Except for one negative vote, it was unanimously approved. Among the duties mentioned were those outlined in a job description drafted by Carole Brush with comments that:
 - a. She attend each monthly meeting and provide a written status report for each design and construction project.
6. The president reported on potential corporate partnerships.
 - a. Hannaford and ETMD-ETA have held three meetings. At the most recent attended by Bob Hamblen, John Andrews, Carole Brush and Tony Barrett, Secretary of the Board of ECGA, the two organizations brainstormed how they might most effectively help each other. Wish lists will be exchanged.
 - b. Southern Maine Medical Center met with a team led by Bob LaNigra who is a good friend of SMMC President Ed McGeachy. Four vice presidents represented SMMC. ETA by Bob LaNigra, Roy Quinn and John Andrews.
 - c. Trustees Claus and Shields commented that ETMD should not expect companies along the ET corridor to provide funds to build the ET. They suggested instead these companies should be asked to donate funds to ETA to support its public outreach.
7. At.10:45 Aaron Shields moved we adjourn, seconded by Harry Tomah, unanimously approved.
8. Next meeting Wed December 10 at 8:30 AM in Kennebunk Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

John Andrews
Secretary/Treasurer