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Friends of the Northern Rail Trail

August 20

Present: Alex Bernhard, Steve Darling, Tom Frantz, Don Gould, Craig Heim, Charles Martin, Myra Mayman, Bob Ward

Old Business

Grants update. Craig has sent out 19 applications to foundations and trusts, totaling \$44,500. He is holding the Bikes Belong application until we develop more support from local bike shops.

Technology Report. Steve is fully authorized to use his discretion in how and when the Web site is updated.

TE Update, Potter Place-Danbury. Alex reported that we have received comments from DOT on the VHB engineering contract. The next step is to revise and resubmit to DOT for final approval. He also reported that the final design of the Potter Place bridge has an opening 20 feet wide and 12 feet tall for the Rail Trail, as we had requested.

RTP Update, East Andover-Franklin. Charles and Peter Crowell reported that the ditching-grading-compacting is complete from East Andover to Sam Hill Road. Monday, August 25, will be the start of hard pack application. We'll get to Dyer's Crossing if we have enough money after finishing to Sam Hill Road. Lindy will assist Peter Crowell in scheduling help.

Development of Maintenance Plan. It was agreed that we need to develop a maintenance plan, including how to deal with poison ivy. Charles will talk with Jennifer Codespoti about poison ivy. We'll carry this item to the next meeting.

September 20 Workday. Alex is pursuing permit to clear the culvert. Peter Crowell will examine to see if his machine can do the work. There was general agreement that we should put the Lawrence Street culvert tunnel as a high priority. Tom Frantz will be in touch with his Proctor contacts about the possibility of getting a tractor in there to spread hard pack.

Meeting in Wilmot on September 17 will be at the Wilmot Public Library on North Wilmot Road, just beyond the town hall.

Pathways to Healthy Living application. Myra reported that the National Park Service will inform us of their decision about providing technical advice in early October. The purpose of the project is to develop a walking program that doctors and other health care providers can prescribe to patients; it includes restoration of historic granite mile markers.

New Business

None.

September 17

Condensed from draft minutes

Meeting at Wilmot Public Library

Present: Kendel Currier, Steve Darling, Brian Faughnan, Craig Heim, Lindy Heim, Michael Loomis, Charles Martin, Myra Mayman, Mickey Spof-

ford, Jackie Thompson

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 15, at Andover Fire House

Wilmot and the Rail Trail

Charles Martin gave an overview of the Northern Rail Trail in Merrimack County and its history. He explained that our work has comprised covering and compacting the large rock ballast on the old rail bed. A Transportation Enhancement (TE) grant of \$206,000 – to be matched by \$52,000 raised by FNRT-MC – will be used to re-surface the Rail Trail from Potter Place through Wilmot to Danbury. About 98% of our funds go to Rail Trail construction because of so much volunteer labor.

Treasurer's Report

We'll need someone to coordinate volunteers during rail trail construction next year, as Lindy Heim did this year. The Treasurer needs to monitor expenses as they happen, to ensure that we don't spend more than our grant.

\$26,700 has been committed to date to the TE project match.

Old Business

Grants update: We have to raise \$52,000 in matching funds for the TE grant. Craig has sent out 22 requests to foundations and trusts, totalling \$54,000 in requests. To date one of those has been funded, by the Dunn Foundation for \$2,500. Three requests have been turned down.

Bikes Belong in Colorado awards grants up to \$10,000 to projects like ours. Craig hopes to submit to them in November. He is contacting Will Hurley of Out Spokin' for support of the application. One idea is to have FNRT co-sponsor a bike safety check with Out Spokin' at AE/MS. Kendel Currier suggests doing it in spring just before bike season rather than this fall.

Potter Place to Danbury: Potter Place bridge replacement: The New Hampshire State Historical Resources Division recently ruled that the proposed new culvert carrying Routes 4 and 11 over the Rail Trail will have an adverse impact on its historical value. Alex Bernhard and Ed Hiller attended a meeting to discuss ideas for mitigation.

VHB engineers are in process of signing the contract with the Town of Andover for their engineering work. The goal is to have engineering work done by early 2009 and then seek approval at Andover Town Meeting to expend the construction funds that will be provided to the Town in 2009. This will put us in a position to start construction in 2009 if we get early funding from New Hampshire Department of Transportation (DOT). It's more likely that we will be ready in 2009 but not funded until 2010.

East Andover to Franklin: We have \$2,000 left from RTP 2008; holding for possible repairs in the spring. We have to use this money by the end of June 2009.

Maintenance Plan: We need someone to chair this subject. Myra has

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