

Kennebec River Rail Trail Board of Supervisors

May 1, 2024

Present : Bill Allen, Hallowell  
Phil Garwood, Gardiner  
Mary Andrews and Brad Howard, Farmingdale  
Lesley Jones, Augusta  
Duane Scott, Friends of KRRT

Location: The fire station in Hallowell

With a quorum present, we voted to approve the minutes of our April meeting, and the minutes of our March meeting.

Duane found out why the speed limit by the Great Wall was increased from 35 to 40 miles per hour. DOT and Hallowell agreed on the change. The agreement predated the appointment of the current city manager.

Casella replaced the porta potty in Farmingdale, but the new one is not handicapped accessible. Phil will follow up on the issue.

McGee will let us know when they repave the area near the 3.75 mile marker.

Phil patched a small hole just north of this marker. It was in a filled in area, where we had filled in a sinkhole.

Earl will send a letter to Central Maine Sealcoating, to tell them about the dog owner's complaint and the ensuing release agreement.

Several different groups worked on the April cleanup. Augusta Age Friendly and the Teen Center worked in Augusta. The Hallowell Conservation Commission picked up trash in the area above Granite City Park, and in front of the Great Wall.

Bill picked up a lot of brush near Greenville Street.

The girls on the Gardiner track team were planning to work on the trail on April 12, but the cleanup was canceled because of rain.

Duane talked to Hancock Lumber about getting a large number of pressure treated boards, for the Vaughan Stream bridge, but they did not offer a discount.

Since we are working on a very tight budget, we decided to ask the Friends for an amount of money, not to exceed \$2000, for bridge expenses. Duane will bring this up at the next Friends meeting.

Phil, Bill, and other volunteers can replace the bridge boards, but we need help to dispose of the old decking. We will ask Augusta, or one of the other communities, to haul off the old decking.

Phil will talk to Tom Goraj about sweeping the trail.

According to Brad, the Sheldon Street light still acts erratically when we have rainy weather.

Next meeting, June 5

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Mary Andrews, Farmingdale  
Duane Scott, Friends of KRRT

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We could not vote on the May minutes, because we did not have a quorum.

Earl sent a treasurer's report via email. We have not incurred expenses since February. The balance is still \$39,362.61.

Casella replaced the portapot in Farmingdale, but it is not handicapped accessible. Phil will contact Earl.

Farmingdale wants a no parking sign near the portapot. A parked car could block emergency access to the trail.

RTP grants can provide up to \$120,000 for big projects, and \$50,000 for smaller projects. Dafy Holbrook of the Friends could fill out a grant application, if we can identify a qualifying trail project. DOT can supply maps, if they are needed for a grant application.

The Gardiner track team was planning to work on the trail on April 12, but the event got rained out. Jennifer and her husband picked up some trash on the trail; and later in the month, some Gardiner seniors worked on the trail.

Phil can identify work zones, when there are volunteer groups planning to do trail work. Dan Albert would like to get feedback via email, on the activities of these groups.

Duane said that prerelease inmates would be eager to work on the trail.

Augusta should mow along the trail before the Ironman competition on July 28. We think they should blow the clippings off the trail after mowing.

Ironman will soon be asking for volunteers.

The Friends are willing to provide up to \$5000, to pay for new planking on the Vaughan Stream bridge.

Phil sent a note to Nate Howard about the bill from McGee. Since the washout was caused by drainage coming off the railroad bed, DOT should help pay for the repairs.

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Next meeting, August 7