

MINUTES Trail Coalition Board of Directors Oliphant Brewing, October 4, 2017, 5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – André Johnson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at ~ 5:07 p.m.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE – The agenda was posted at the Town of Somerset Town Hall and on the Coalition web site.

ROLL CALL – Board members present were Susan Heuser, André Johnson, Pam Kaiser, Andrew Lamers, Dave Mandel, Mark Vanasse, Marian Webber, and Tim Witzmann. Board member Mark Gherty was absent. Jim Webber was also present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA – A **motion** (Lamers, Witzmann) to adopt the agenda as presented. **Carried** with no opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Opportunity for comments on subjects not on the agenda when recognized by the presiding officer. Vanasse commented on the continued nice traffic flow on the new St. Croix River Crossing Bridge. Marian Webber commented on the presentation at the Hudson City Council regarding Lake Front Park changes some of which involved trails.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES – September 6, 2017 – A **motion** (Witzmann, Lamers) to approve the September 6, 2016, minutes as presented. **Carried** with no opposition.

REPORTS - from subcommittees and/or individuals about information gathered for the Board of Directors
Communications Committee – This discussion was taken under Item 3 of the *Items for discussion and/or action*.

Financial Report – There was no report available but Vanasse reported an approximate balance with details available at the November Board meeting.

Healthier Together – Heuser reported Walk to School Day on October 4, 2017. Participating schools will be detailed in November.

Hwy 64 Trail Corridor Committee – Johnson reported discussion at the September 14th meeting about the proposed engineering study for the Landing Hill trail area of Hwy 64 and the motion that recommended approval of that study to the Coalition Board of Directors. Vanasse reported pledges for funds already made. Witzmann indicated he would be attending the Town of Somerset Town Board meeting later in the evening to discuss the proposed engineering study.

Bench Project – Vanasse reported a meeting about fund raising and a meeting with the staff at Houlton Elementary as this project gets underway again after the summer recess.

Others that may be available – No other reports were available.

ITEMS for discussion and/or action

1. Landing Hill Proposal

- Hwy 64 Trail Corridor Recommendation regarding the Warren White Landing Hill Proposal – The Hwy 64 Corridor Trails Committee recommended approval of the Warren White Landing Hill trail study proposal. See discussion under *REPORTS* above.
- Pathways Discussion regarding the Landing Hill Proposal – Lamers reported good discussion at the October Pathways meeting regarding donating toward the cost of Phase 1 of the Hwy 64 Trail Corridor engineering study. Ultimately Pathways voted to donate \$500 once the Coalition had raised the remainder of the fee for the study.
- ACTION TAKEN - After review and discussion of the proposal, a **motion** (Lamers, Witzmann) that St. Croix Bike & Pedestrian Trails Coalition allocate \$3500 toward the September 4, 2017, engineering

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services proposal from Warren White regarding Phase 1 of the Landing Hill Link of County Trails Plan.

Carried with no opposition including a proxy vote from Gherty in support of retaining Warren White.

2. Alternate Positions to the Board of Directors – After discussion of the options available, a **motion** (Vanasse, Mandel) to appoint Ruth Steiner and Susan Stepka to the two alternate positions. **Carried** with Lamers and Webber in opposition.
3. Recommendations from Communications Committee – Witzmann reported a good discussion at the Communication Committee regarding how the Coalition should proceed with outreach. The two strong recommendations that were made were 1) a bike summit held in conjunction with other bike groups and governmental agencies – details of which would need further discussion and 2) Community Education classes (possibly several types) held in local municipalities about various topics relating to trails and bicycling. Members of the Committee took assignments to contact the various Community Ed organizations in local municipalities. Further definition of classes, development of content, locations, etc. will need more discussion and work.
4. Other Trails Coalition Issues That May Occur – There were no other issues raised.
5. Set next meeting date – November 8, 2017 or other – The **next Board of Directors meeting** was set for **November 8, 2017** at the Town of Somerset Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.

ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD of DIRECTORS AGENDA – Appointment of Alternate Position for Board of Directors, How to Proceed with Outreach, Hwy 64 Landing Hill Engineering Project Progress

ADJOURNMENT – A **motion** (Lamers, Mandel) to adjourn. **Carried** with no opposition at ~ 5:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Heuser, Secretary