

TRAIL COMMITTEE MINUTES 7/12/16

Members attending: Stephany Hasse, Margaret Russell, David Ziegleman, Christine Cowart, John Limanek, Laurie Thompson, Jordon Blucher, Mary Van Vleck, Elizabeth Bassett

- **Reviewed and approved previous minutes**
- **Main discussion was on reviewing the three scoping proposals:**
 - Laurie led the discussion on what was presented by the three companies, Broadreach Planning and Design, Dubois and King, and Holden Engineering. Bids are sealed so we do not know the cost they are proposing. Laurie feels all are excellent companies with experience for our type of project but we should take a closer look at exactly what the past projects entailed. Also what type of communications will they provide as the project goes forward. Dean suggested we rate each company on six criteria, which we did and Dubois got our highest score. We felt we still need some questions answered before we would finalize our recommendation to the Select Board.
 - Laurie agreed to call Dubois, ask the following questions and then e-mail all of us with the response:
 1. How would the communication process work.
 2. What information will we get about the permitting process? A. For example will they give us a list of required permits and what is required for us to submit for each?
 3. Will they communicate with landowner affected by the trails and assist if we require right a way?
 - We will e-mail the group if we are satisfied with the answers and then recommend accepting their bid to the Select Board.
- **Existing Trails Update:**
 - Discussion on benches. John proposed that we look at the benches on the Stowe Bike Path. We all feel that there should be consistency in design and that donors should have a plaque.
 - Pease Mtn has a small tree down that needs to be cut

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- **Action Items:**
 - Margaret will put the Aug. 20 work day on Front Porch Forum.
 - Stephany will get the Google bill sorted out
 - Mary has a friend who is involved with Champlain area Trails map who she will contact for information
 - John will send pictures of Stowe benches
 - Mary will try to get info on where Stowe gets their benches
 - Margaret will talk to Krasnow about getting easement on new development
 - David will talk to Wild Wood West about where we plan on using our easement

- **On the Calendar:**
 - Saturday, August 20 work day. Meet at Old Lantern 8:30 am

Next Meeting is Tuesday, August 9th