

## Trails Committee Budget 2017/2018

The Trails Committee continues its progress on the Charlotte Town Link Trail. This year we:

- maintained the completed Co-Housing section of the Trail

- started planning the State Park Road section and the Co-Housing to Town Hall section of the Trail using a \$50,000 VTrans grant. Dubois&King are currently scoping these areas to determine our best options. We recently completed the first of several public meetings to gather input about the Trail route in these areas. We anticipate that the Route 7 underpass construction will begin next summer

- cleared the 250 Loop Trail on the Burns property

- improved linkage from the 250 Loop to the Train Station, through Barber Hill and the Old Lantern.

- continued to maintain The Plouffe Lane trails and Pease Mountain trails

- worked with the CLT to determine sighting for a new pedestrian easement on conserved land off One Mile Rd.

Our budget for the last year was \$1,000.

We spent:	Development:	\$135.00 (Less because of reduced postage costs)
	Materials:	\$ 42.26
	Engineering	\$455.00
	Total:	\$633.00

We were under budget this year because we did not have to pay for postage for our yearly mailing. We also spent less in materials, although we did have a donation of \$400.00 worth of wood. We used some of this wood to build our first bench in the Link Trail. This was done by a volunteer. We also had several donated expenses associated with our work days.

For next year, we are requesting a total of: \$1,500

Development: \$200 (printed material, mailings)

Signage/paint/stakes: \$300 ( Yipes: \$266 for 10 signs; \$472 for 20 signs; metal)

Mapping/web update/ one time expenditures: \$250

Benches/ material improvements: \$318 - \$1200 per bench depending on wood/concrete/ installation. We would like to add 2 benches next year

We continue to request \$5,000 in annual matching funds from the town. We have received three grants so far for the Town Link Trail and this could not have happened without the available matching grants. We are planning on applying for a construction grant in late Spring and will need to show the Town's commitment to the project.