

Stowe Trails Partnership March 2023 Board Meeting Agenda

March 23, 2023

6:00PM - 8:00PM

Location: SAA Conference Room (second floor of the SAA building, 51 Main Street, Stowe, VT)



Board members present: Andrew, Erik, Jeff B, Mike, Rob, Lucy, Rachel, Nik

Board members absent: Leslie, Jeff K

Quorum? Y (8/10)

Guests present: Chandra Richter, Jeff Elbaum

Submitted by Carolyn Lawrence

Item	Notes
Approve Feb Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - February minutes - Mike moved to approve, Jeff seconded, all in favor
Welcome Jeff!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome Jeff Barden, our newest board member!
Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2023 Budget approval - Erik motioned, Andrew seconded, all approve
Trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CHF E-bike update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SLT sent an approval letter to the Town confirming there was no conflicting language in the Cady Hill conservation easement regarding allowing class 1 pedal-assist e-bikes in CHF - Awaiting Town and Selectboard now (the Town attorney needs to rewrite their current definition of e-bikes, then the Selectboard needs to adopt it) - CHF tool shed update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Looking to build 20x20x10 shed in the existing parking lot by the exit to Bears - Need to wait from the green light from SLT regarding if they think the easement will allow this - Should they approve, Carolyn and Andrew to work with Town Zoning to finalize and propose site plan to DRB - Do we add e-bike charging stations to the tool shed? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Federal funding available - Shipping container instead of building a proper shed? Cheaper - Toilets at CHF was \$20k for two composting toilets - could be cheaper to add them to an existing structure compared to building standalone facilities - Probably will be \$60k-\$70k to build a shed - would likely need a fundraising campaign - Also looking to expand the Mountain Road CHF parking lot <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need SLT confirmation about the easement in this regard too - Two possible expansion locations to explore with Zoning:

- Looker's left of the current parking lot (where Bears is currently)
 - This is very wet - do we want to bring someone in to delineate the possible wetlands?
- Looker's right of the current parking lot (where the trailer used to be parked)
 - This would likely require a retaining wall due to the steep slopes there
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- S&A update
 - Part 1
 - SLT has requested STP provide additional information on structure repair timelines.
 - As a way to "bring the trail into compliance with the conservation easement", SLT is considering the structures to be "temporary" and wants to ensure how long they allow them to remain on the trail aligns with our repair/replacement timelines (so we don't dump resources into them if we are just going to have take them down eventually).
 - Part 2
 - SLT knows that STP's priority is to begin work on this trail again in 2023.
 - The Town, VHCB, and SLT have comments about the design plan that was submitted months ago, but they have not shared them with us.
 - SLT Carolyn will reach out to Town and VHCB after their April 8 Stewardship Committee meeting about sharing the comments with STP so we can hit the ground running
- Spring trail work day
 - Look into borrowing WATA's trailer/tools if we need to?
 - Utilize board member and STP staff vehicles to transport tools to various work sites as needed
 - Finalize May 6, rain date May 7
 - Can we work with Conservation Commission to push our day
 - AND give people green bags to tag team promotion
- Where are we going to keep new tools? S&A basement? That Stowe Rescue trailer?
- Shredder RFP has been sent out - we have interest from Greg Fatigate and John Atkinson
- Downed trees in Strawberry Hill Farm
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- 8 Bridges
 - Trail reroutes to help with the mud
 - Bridge rebuilds

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reroute so we don't have to use the Marston Trail at all? Use Callagy's? - Board feels like we may not rebuild the bridges and that might not be the big issue - rerouting to avoid the mud could be better - Can we solve the mud problem without bridges? - See what Trail Committee thinks during March 28 meeting - Sterling Connector <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Making slow headway with Bullrock (they're replying to emails now) - There is a new owner of the land that the Stowehof was on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fritz is the name of the owner - Can we work with him to build Sterling Connector through that parcel if that makes sense for Phase 2?
<p>Outreach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kick-off party update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - April 12, 5:30pm - 8:00pm - Pizza from Jimmz - Beer from Alchemist - Trail survey data disbursement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consolidate into a PowerPoint, get it up on our blog - E-bike report launch plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Launch this data with the decision when it comes from the Town - Gravel event update - Velo Stowe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Things Rooted did well that we should replicate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Women, BIPOC, inclusivity - Registration cost? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Online reg \$60 - Day of \$75 - Website update (\$1000 proposal from Dan) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lucy made a motion, Andrew seconded, all in favor
<p>Fundraising/Membership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2023 Sponsor/CS appeal updates - Membership campaign ideas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Once or twice a week, social post for specific get your membership messaging - Sprinkle in membership language in other posts e.g. we're planning on working with MMS for CHF work this year - your membership dollars help make this possible! - Regular monthly member newsletter AND an additional newsletter dedicated to membership - Member spotlight posts: "Here's Michy and why she's a member" - Trail sits - Can a new round-up program be distributed to SAA members?
<p>Staff</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hiring plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can a community engagement person do one monthly trail sit and then we don't have to hire a trail intern? - Replicate hiring time frame from last year - Nik's wife, Kat, has a connection at UVM Business school
<p>SLT Strat. Plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SLT wants to present their new strategic plan to us at one of our meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Find out what they want to talk about - Invite them to April meeting or do we need a special meeting with our board and them

Adjourn	8:12pm
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