

# Stowe Trails Partnership Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 19, 2022, 6:00-8:00 PM

Location: Talta Lodge

Submitted: Leslie Gauff



## Board Attendees:

Leslie Gauff via Zoom	Mike Waldert	Jeff Kauffman
Erik Timmerman	Lucy Nersesian	Andrew Volansky

Quorum present? Yes (6/9)

## Other Attendees:

Carolyn Lawrence, ED	
Jeff Barden	

Item	Notes	To Do
Approve September Board Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <a href="#">September Minutes</a></li><li>- Motion from Jeff to approve, seconded by Mike</li><li>- All were in favor</li></ul>	
Finance Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mike: Operating on a \$196k budget, and have \$181k hopefully end of year donations will get us to \$196k. Our spending is on target, but would be great to close the gap with end-of-year fundraising</li></ul>	-
Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Office closure in December? Likely the last two weeks in December.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Carolyn/Grady to determine office closure dates</li></ul>
Trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Trail Crew Update from Carolyn since Grady on his honeymoon</li><li>- Niels and Grady touched up Bears and Florence in preparation for spring and pulled out 20 old PT bridges with the help of Mount Mansfield Ski Academy students. Many got picked up and reused</li><li>- Sterling Connector: Carolyn and Grady walked upper corridor on Spector's land. Justin Reyher happy with the amended location. The rest will be flagged, then Spectors will walk and hopefully approve</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Carolyn to meet with Paul re: zoning redistribution and skills park</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Erik moved and Lucy seconded to move ahead on Sterling Connector on Spector and Topnotch properties. We have signed docs with Spector and TN.</li> <li>- Will use Shredder updates as the project idea for the upcoming VMBA Trail Grant application (December)</li> </ul> <p>2023 Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cady Hill Trails? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baby Bear, No 9, and Skidder <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Greg is willing to come back to work on/improve Charlie switchbacks</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Giving Shredder some love</li> <li>- Sterling Connector</li> </ul> </li> <li>- S&amp;A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SLT is completely rewriting the MOU for our two organizations to better reflect liability.</li> <li>- We are still awaiting their decision for approval of the design plan for the second half of the trail</li> <li>- The Town decided part 1 of the trail is out of compliance with zoning laws but they don't have a set definition for what qualifies as a 'structure'. Sarah McShane is in support of STP devising recommended structure definition.</li> <li>- As long as we are working diligently with SLT to resolve this considered issue, the Town is not going to take action against us</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Percy Zoning Rights Redistribution: Paul Percy has an AG PUD plan as it relates to Landmark Meadow and moving density to Lot 5 on Brook Rd. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SLT is on board with Percy's plan.</li> <li>- Percy claims he does not have any plans for developing lot 5, but..... it would be approved for 9 subdivided lots and up to 29 multi-family units. Density availability at Covered Bridge condos as well.</li> <li>- Andrew thinks we should see if he will be willing to codify Haulapalooza in perpetuity with an updated Landowner Access Agreement.</li> <li>- Motion was made by Andrew to connect with Paul to see if he will sign such an LLA, and also ask if he would be willing to see the property conserved if successful fundraising could occur. Lucy seconded. All in favor</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Skills Park. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Move forward with signed LAA from Paul</li> </ul> </li> <li>- E-bike study wrap-up/presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Concludes on the 31st. Carolyn will work with Grady to pull the data together to present a recommendation for e-bikes on the trails for Conservation Commission meeting likely to occur in January</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Fundraising/Member ship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Distributing pre-season appeal letters (deadline to mail is October 27).</li> <li>- Implementing minor tweaks to the sponsor program.</li> <li>- Donor networking gathering planned for January, at the Club at Spruce Peak - working with the Bartletts to solidify invite list.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Carolyn planning to connect with Sam Gaines to see if he has thoughts</li> <li>- Reformat the Sponsor/CS appreciation party for Feb/March. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hold somewhere fun like the Alchemist.</li> <li>- Invite both current sponsors and lapsed/perspective</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Leaf Blower recap and ideas for next year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maybe not Indigenous weekend, but have on Sunday vs Saturday? ENR suggested adding some self-guided rides, but STP does not agree with that in general, feeling that one of the main reasons/successes of LB is the group rides</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Annual Meeting - Nov. 17th at the Trapp Bierhall</li> </ul>	
Adjourn	8:15 p.m.	