

Springfield Trails & Rural Economy Committee Meeting

January 27, 2021

5:30 PM

Town Offices Meeting Room

Call to Order— The meeting was called to order at 5:45.

Roll Call— Present were Jim Fog (presiding), Bettina McCrady, Barbara Schultz, Chuck Gregory, and Town Manager Jeff Mobus (by invitation).

Announcements— Bettina McCrady announced that the new visitors' sign for the Woodbury Road entrance to Hartness Park has been finished.

Additions to Agenda— There were no additions to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting— The minutes were approved with the following corrections: "Lamoureux and Dickinson will be the lead engineers on the project." was moved from the notes on Invasive Plant Species on the Toonerville Trail to the notes on the Toonerville Trail extension, the spelling of Lamoureux was corrected and "The grant application will be due" struck out and "The work should be completed by" inserted in the second sentence of that section. (McCrady/Schultz). Passed unanimously

Old business:

ERSA grant status— Jim announced that ERSAs has said there will be delay in their processing of applications.

Chamber of Commerce list work— there was general discussion of the role of the committee in economic development in the town. It was decided by consensus that economic development was secondary to and contingent upon the success of the committee in developing and maintaining a high-quality trail system, e.g., doing such things as working to connect to other towns' trail systems (developing) and repaving the Toonerville Trail (maintaining) as needed. It is the belief of the committee that doing that work and apprising the relevant parties in the public and private sectors would give them the information needed to build upon the work of the committee. It was moved that "In an effort to pursue our rural economy charge, the committee will regularly share information about our efforts to maintain, expand and promote trails and other rural outdoor activities available in around Springfield with the town and local organizations." (Schultz/McCrady). Passed unanimously.

New Business

There was no new business

Adjournment— The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 24th, at 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

chuck gregory, secretary