Pathways Committee August 17, 2011 Minutes

Members present: Jim Eisenhower, Barbara Laverick, Art Slocum, Jim Nupp, Rob Houseman, Dave Ford, Ethan Hipple, Kathy Barnard

Jim Eisenhower called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

The minutes of the June 15, 2011 were approved.

Jim Eisenhower gave the Treasurer's report. As of this date approximately \$340,000 has been received in pledges. We have \$41,765 in the bank and \$7,100 in accounts receivable. All of the bills have been paid except for \$500 to Josh Ryan. The total amount to be paid to Josh for Sewall Woods and Abenaki is \$275,475. The total amount spent for permitting, signs, design work, printing and miscellaneous was \$15.156.

Dave Ford reported that most of the signs have been put in place and the rest of the signs will be erected shortly. The "marking" of the roads will start this week. The first road will be Forest. The gates have been moved. Sodium Chloride has been spread on Filter Bed Road. The road has also been graded and raked.

Jim Eisenhower reported that Josh had given us an estimate of \$100,000 to construct a bike path on Lower Bog trail (Abenaki). The high estimate was due to the need for many culverts.

Rob Houseman reported that the trail projects at Abenaki and Sewall Woods are complete. The Committee needs to appoint trail monitors to check the trails regularly and report any damage to the trails. A work party is scheduled for Friday (August 19th) to remove the glass from Tuttle's extension. Rob indicated he had sent a letter to Josh complimenting Josh and his crew.

Jim Nupp made a motion and Barbara Laverick seconded the motion to send a letter to Josh from The Pathways Committee thanking Josh for "a job well done". All voted in favor.

Jim reported that the dog litter stations are in place.

A motion was made by Barbara Laverick and seconded by Art Slocum that Pathways pay half the cost of the porta potty during the spring, summer and fall (6 months). All voted in favor. The cost of \$90 will be split with the Cross Country Ski Association.

Jim Eisenhower reported that the dedication of the Almost Thayer trail at Abenaki will take place at 4:00PM on August 18, 2011. Members of the Thayer family will be present for the dedication.

There was a discussion about the September 1, 2011 trail opening which will take place at 4:00PM. The Pizza oven will be set up in the Sewall Woods parking lot at noon. Dave Ford will supply the water. The pizzas will cost Pathways \$7.00 per pizza. Packets of

information have been sent out to the news media. There will be an announcement of the event in the Granite State News and on WASR. Committee members were asked to be at Sewall Woods at 3:00PM on the day of the event.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10PM.

Submitted by Kathy Barnard August 21, 2011