

Attendees: Carol Chamberlain, Ky Koitch, Gene Fialkoff, Geri Procaccini (members).

Additional attendees: Liza Walker, Vermont Land Trust; Tony Amenta, Catamount Trail Association; Laura Brines, Mad River Path; Ned Farquhar, Mad River Path; Peter Geyer, Mad River Riders.

Carol opened the meeting by filling everyone in on the trail situation.

The two options raised were building a new bike trail up the hill from the new bridge to the top of the switchback section, and the replacement of the lower bridge. The trail between the 2 bridges off German Flats Rd should not be for year-round use

- Laura said the total cost for the upper bridge is \$9,000.00. The Path association has money left over.
- This from Carol: The FNRC received a grant of which nothing was spent; I will work to have those funds be available for the lower bridge replacement. Laura indicated that she may also be able to use remaining grant monies for the lower bridge, but expressed a preference for using those funds for landscaping/stair work at the new bridge.
- Obtaining an easement from the property owners was suggested. Even if the current owners - the Angelillos - are OK with the bridge, if they sell the property the new owners may not be, so a 10-year easement will be requested. Ky and Tony both agreed to try to contact the Angelillo family. Ky sent a letter about a week ago but has not received a response. Laura confirmed that a permit will be needed to rebuild the lower bridge.
- Possibility was brought up by Geri of going south (toward the Mt Ellen access road) to build a new bridge, contacting the owners of the White Horse Inn for an easement and/or use of their parking facility. New bike trails would have to be cut and there would still be no access to the bike trails that have already been cut at the lower bridge.
- Tony suggested, since we may not be able to obtain the 10-year easement or construct the new bridge prior to the festival, that we shim up the existing bridge for a quick fix, enabling its use just for that weekend.
- Overgrown area in front of the barn: Laura will send an email about a possible work day that all groups concerned can participate in, cleaning up and weeding.
- Sign discussion: What signs to place at the end of Mad Path, leading into Tucker Hill Farm. Laura brought pics of signs the Mad Path has, ready to be installed, noting the end of the trail and no dogs allowed. Liza confirmed that the Farm owners have the right to restrict access.
- Next meeting - August 1st at 7PM at the Barn.