



**TOWN OF OAK RIDGE
MOUNTAINS TO SEA TRAIL COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 26, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.
OAK RIDGE TOWN HALL**

Meeting Minutes

Present: Mike Kimel, Martha Pittman, Anne Steele, Bill Bruce, Joel Deaton, Theresa Barbery, Randy Schmitz

• **WELCOME**

PROJECT UPDATES

Headwaters (Joel)

Work days needs at parking lot

Issues at septic field of putting mud on gravel.

Discussion of best way to handle water long term and mud short term. Bill will see if contractor will get up silt fence.

Beaver pond bridge needed (8ft or so).

Build up low spot in places

Build up side path from Haw River

Discussion – of additional beautification.

Parking lot - railroad ties

Randy was right!

Trail workdays – Sunday 14 Sat20th Apr 25 9-12

May 18th 9-12pm

Next Phase- Linville Rd. to Town Park/ Carriage Cove and Pemberley Estates

Parking lot – planning has begun.

MST Campsite

Anne met with Eagle Scout about campsite – table , hammock stand, etc.

Thru hikers – Anne will touch base with Brock about through hikers

Kiosk – final design done - 65% of original – start in May – should be less than \$300

REPORTS

MST Liaison (Joel)

Friends Gathering is May3,4

Manager's Update (Bill B)

See above

NC Complete the Trails Program Grant

Project based -

FY23/24 Budget Request

Biill mentioned budget – we have \$1500 again.

Conservation Easement Committee Update (Stephanie)

We have received two (!) applications for CORE grants - one from MST Friends Terry and Roy for an easement on their historic home, the Sanders-Blaylock house. The second is for an easement on the Jack Blaylock property located on Beeson Road. This parcel is 17+ acres and would potentially include trail access and perhaps a space for a trail head on that side of town and would connect with existing trail easements behind adjoining developments.

2. The grant that the Piedmont Land Conservancy submitted to the NC General Assembly last year for the purchase of 40+ acres on East Harrell Road has been funded. Most of this parcel is in floodplain along the Haw River but there are 8 acres of developable land. PLC was very pessimistic about this grant because it scored so low during the budget process. However, apparently, a few weeks ago, it was reconsidered and funded. The Town of Oak Ridge had agreed to help contribute to the purchase of this property - I'm sure that Bill will have more information on next steps.

Community & Outreach

Canine Capers Apr 27

NWMS Ambassadors (Anne)

Redo posters

Speakers for Town Council (Anne)

iv. Guided Hikes at Cascades - Martha

- **Trail Work Days – see above**

- **NEXT STEPS**