

SPECIAL MEETING Thompson Trails Committee MINUTES  
Monday, January 11, 2021, 7:00pm via the Zoom online platform

In attendance: Karen Durlach, John Kochinskis, Lucille Langlois, Brian Loffredo, Charlie Obert, David Ostrowski, Paul Provost; LyAnn Graff, TLGV; Rec. Dir. Lesley Munshower, Town Planner Tyra Penn-Gesek; Selectman Amy St. Onge

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Karen volunteered to moderate.

**Review of Finances:** Balance available about \$17,000.

(Balance available 12/7/20: \$17,395.73, LESS invoices to be processed PLUS t-shirts income)

**Trailer Quotes & Specification:**

John shared a quote from Hazard Marine for a Diamond Cargo Mfg 7x16 enclosed trailer for transportation and storage of Kubota and tools. Special order required for height. Kubota measures 6'3"— Standard door is not high enough. Custom door would be 6'6" with an interior height of 7'

"The price for an Orange 7 x 16 Tandem axle with sidewall vents, 4 d-rings and 7' interior height is \$5650.00 (the gauge on the orange skin is .024) if you would like to upgrade on the gauge of the orange skin to .030 it would be an additional \$280.00 for a total of \$5930.00"

Features: aluminum sides, 16" tube steel main frame, plywood interior, side door, rear door ramp, side vents, LED lights. According to measurements, a mower would also fit in the nose in addition to the tools

Discussion about mower attachments

**For February meeting, John will ask for additional information on:**

**1. Aluminum frame vs. steel (weight & payload ramifications) 2. orange color option 3. spare tire & mount 4. Stabilizer in tongue for loading when no towing vehicle attached**

Registration & Insurance: Trailer would be registered & insured under Town policy; Trails Committee will pay those annual expenses; strict guidelines will be adhered to about who can tow trailer, with limited designated operators; sign out sheet developed recording who and when trailer on the road

Amy St. Onge reported discussions to date with insurer and will follow up by furnishing them the trailer specs and advising Committee on anticipated fees and stipulations

Other related expenses: locks, logo decals, classes/certifications for operators

Fundraising Options: no appropriate grants currently open; crowd funding (through Sustainable CT) possible even after we commit the funds; future expense of a mower could also be funded either way

Other anticipated 2021 expenses: brochures, port-o-potty, t-shirts

Meeting adjourned 8:11 p.m.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: Monday, February 1, 2021, 7:00 p.m.