

Transportation Meeting
January 24, 2013
3:30-5:00

Members & Guests present: Chris Huck, Peter Garrett, Robert Gorrill (guest), Elery Keene, Chris Rhoda (guest), Penny Vaillancourt, Jim Wood, Linda Woods

The *Somerset Explorer* has been launched. There was a small article in Wednesday's January 23's *Sentinel*.

A discussion was held about SMMC's contribution to the Transportation accomplishments as listed on the Objectives (created for the annual meeting). Penny observed that this team provides ideas that feed the outside organizations.

Chris Rhoda (sustainability coordinator at Thomas College) purchased an electric car and is thinking of creating electric car plug-in stations in Waterville

- Goal: Charging stations at gas stations within 15 minutes = 80% charged
- Need an infrastructure in place
- Cable comes with car; plugs into 110 outlet; US standardizing chargers
- Charging stations are in bigger cities.
- Public chargers = free in some places; some residents let people charge at their homes
- Charge Point Co is #1 seller of chargers. (Cost for a public charging station = \$3,000 lowest he found)
- 50c-75c/hour seems best; up to \$1.25
- looking into a donor to sponsor a charging station at Thomas
- Not many charging stations in Maine; most are at Nissan dealerships

The team seems to agree this is an issue worthy of consideration.

Action Item:

Chris: Look into potential grants (Linda will help with the writing.)

Jim & Chris discussed the possibility of extending public transit to Thomas College.

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Peter updated the status of trails.

- Over \$2 M has been spent on KMTrails
- Achieved a network of over 30 miles of trails
- In June, opened Two-Cent Bridge Trail to wheelchairs.
- Nursing homes are using these trails.
- Working on Safe Route to School through Smiley Acres to Winslow schools
- Rotary Centennial Trail will hopefully extend soon to Winslow Schools.
- Hoping to set up an ambassador program (suggestion: name it "trail host/hostess")
- Discussing a trails' marathon starting at Alford Youth Center to Quarry Rd.

- Peter is a member of the state's bike/ped committee. State has adopted "complete streets policy." (looking at sidewalks when doing an improvement roadway) Making sure Waterville takes this into consideration.
- Center for Disease Control will be holding an "Active Communities Conference" on May 7 in Waterville (in The Center).

Action Item:

Jim: Contact Mike Heavener about presenting in Winslow

Jim distributed a summary of the team's accomplishments for 2012. He will use this at the annual meeting.

The next meeting will be **Thursday, February 28 at 4:00** at **KVCOG**.

Action Item for February meeting:

Penny & Sarah: present MDOT's capital work plan