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## Community Group Meeting Minutes 11/8/06

### I. Welcome & Introductions

- Who is here?

***Ken Greatbatch, Ellen Edson, Gary Barnard, Chip Southgate, Carrie Goldsmith, Sarah Swain***

- Who needs to be here?

***Ron Ruffle, Frank Amerosa, Janet Augden(C&S Grocery), Deb Hogancamp, Barbara Scully(Ashuelot River Advisory Committee)***

### II. Focus Group Overview

- How the process will work

3 meetings

2 co-chairs

All committee final meeting (co-chairs)

- What we hope to achieve

One tangible goal completed

One year work plan

Long range goals

### III. Define the charge of the group

- Review vision map

- Brainstorm objectives

#### ❖ ***Encourage each town to form trail committees***

➤ ***Pathways for Keene***

➤ ***Swanzey Rail Trails***

➤ ***Rindge Rail Trails***

#### ❖ ***Identify "What is the Community?"***

➤ ***Towns of Cheshire County***

➤ ***Schools***

➤ ***Businesses***

➤ ***Companies***

➤ ***User Groups***

#### ❖ ***Brochure/Website/etc. to advertise the Monadnock Pathways and Trails Initiative's Mission***

#### ❖ ***Bring communities outside of Keene together, How?***

- ❖ *Send letters to town conservation commissions  
"galvanizing" community*
- ❖ *Show benefits to the community, How?*
- ❖ *Connect towns physically and virtually. What about Peterborough?*
- ❖ *Cultural affiliation with Monadnock*
- ❖ *Schools*
  - *Promote volunteering*
  - *Promote use through clubs and curriculum*
  - *Athletic events-cross country races*
  - *Build trails into school and therefore community culture*
- ❖ *Races-look into Pisgah Mt. Adventure Race*
- ❖ *Adopt-a-Trail program*

-Define criteria for prioritization

<i>Timeliness</i>	<i>Achievability</i>	<i>Longevity</i>
<i>Increased visibility</i>	<i>Biggest Impact</i>	<i>Ease</i>

-Prioritize objectives

***See Goals below***

#### IV. Developing Work Plan

-30 day objectives-***Goal #1: Identify the Community***

-1 year objectives-***Goal #2: Build the Community***

-1 year+ objectives-***Goal #3: Connecting with schools  
to build trails into the culture***

Identify rationale for objectives

List specific actions to obtain objectives

***-List communities with trail committees, determine those without***

***-List Schools on Rail Trails and rail corridors***

***-List businesses on Rail Trails and rail corridors***

Assign specific actions for each group member

**All committee members will come to the next meeting with the following assignments complete. We will communicate via email to move beyond these if necessary.**

***Gary and Carrie-*** *List communities with trail committees, determine those without*

***Ellen-*** *List Schools on Rail Trails and rail corridors*

***Chip-*** *List businesses on Rail Trails and rail corridors*

***Ken-*** *Answer the following questions at Steering Committee*

*"What Trails?" "What is the Mission Statement?"*

V. Select Co-chairs

***Chip and Gary***

VI. Schedule next meeting

***November 29th, 6:30pm at ANEI***  
*With the Information Committee*

*Towns in Cheshire County*

*Walpole*

*Alstead*

*Marlow*

*Stoddard*

*Nelson*

*Sullivan*

*Gilsum*

*Surrey*

*Westmoreland*

*Keene*

*Roxbury*

*Harrisville*

*Dublin*

*Marlborough*

*Swanzey*

*Chesterfield*

*Hinsdale*

*Winchester*

*Richmond*

*Troy*

*Fitzwilliam*

*Jaffrey*

*Rindge*

*23 total not 26*

*Should we include?*

*Peterborough*

*Hancock*

*Antrim*

*Charlestown*

*Towns in MA?*