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## 11/29/06 Info/Community Committee Minutes

### I. Welcome & Introductions

Ken Greatbatch, Chip Southgate, Susan Stanclift-Walker, Gary Barnard, Sarah Swain

### II. Meeting Reviews

See meeting minutes at our website [www.anei.org](http://www.anei.org) at the Monadnock Pathways and Trails Initiative link.

### III. Trails Alliance Model

Upper Valley Trails Alliance website at [www.uvtrails.org](http://www.uvtrails.org)

### IV. Steering Committee Update

The Monadnock Pathways and Trails Initiative is a broad coalition of landowners, civic groups and pathway and trail users in the Monadnock Region of New England. MPTI seeks to support and enhance communication and coordination among pathway and trail advocates, develop, collect and provide regional trail and pathway information, and to preserve and maintain a cohesive network of trails that is synergistic with the communities and environmental quality and character of the region.

MPTI does this through:

- Assisting with grant writing and research
- Developing and maintaining an informational website
- Facilitating dialogue and encouraging partnerships between local towns, conservation commissions, trail users and user groups, landowners and other local and regional stakeholders and organizations
- Coordinating volunteer working groups that focus on addressing issues of funding, maintenance, community and information, trail use, and trail preservation.

### V. Review Work Plan

#### -Share Homework

**Ken**-Steering Committee's mission statement

-discussion ensued about the scope of the project widening to include more than the Rail Trails. It was determined that the scope could start more focused and grow to include more trails.

**Chip**-Shared short list of targeted businesses near the Rail Trail. These businesses included convenience stores, inns, and restaurants. These businesses would stand to have direct positive impact from increased trail usage. Discussion about other business types and what benefits they stood to gain or give to the initiative followed. Contacting Human Resources of larger corporations to help get the word out and build the community.

Sarah shared Ellen's and Craig's homework

**Ellen**-List of all schools in Cheshire County

**Craig**-Information about Craig Della-Penna hosting website-\$500 for design, hosting and monthly updates for a year.

**Susan**- Showed her template for a five page website

### -Next Actions

Need to know about ATV Ruling

Need to find funding if we will design a new website

### **Goal #2-Build the Community-Brochure, Website, Earth Day, Spring Event**

**Susan**-Research brochure costs and stats

**Chip**-Contact Earth Day coordinator and be the main contact to get a booth

[Katherine Stoner@Antiochne.edu](mailto:Katherine_Stoner@Antiochne.edu) Earth Day Coordinator

**Gary and Ken**-Brainstorm what a Spring Event might look like

Fun Trail Ride and Fair?

**Sarah**-Send info to Funding Committee regarding brochure and website needs

### VI. Confirm Co-chairs

Chip and Gary

### VII. Schedule next meeting

TBA