



Newfound Pathways Team Newsletter

March 2013

Think Spring!!

Newfound Pathways Mission: To create a system of biking and walking pathways around Newfound Lake to encourage walking and cycling as a safe, healthy, and environmentally sound means of recreation and travel.

We all hope that your winter was a good one but we are already looking toward SPRING!!

CAMPAIGN NEWS:

We have asked the candidates that are running for selectmen several questions that pertain to the mission of the Newfound Pathways Team. We want to share this information with you before the town meetings and voting day. We only focused on Bridgewater and Hebron at this time since these are the two towns with the most unsafe roads around the lake. Bristol is already working on old and new paths and improving walking and cycling safety.

Questions:

1. What is your position and priority on creating a safe, walkable, bikable, livable Newfound Area Community?
2. Do you support the master plan section about providing more safe and convenient choices for bicyclists and pedestrians? Would you support signage, restriping and widen shoulders on 3A.
3. Would you support an article to take on the \$100,000 grant that the Newfound Pathways has been awarded if no funding was required by the town? If a one-time \$15,000 was requested from the town for matching funds.

Answers:

Hebron Candidates for Selectman:

Patrick Moriarty – He is in favor of projects that fulfill our mission and wants to have dialog with the Newfound Pathways to try to make progress. He wants to revisit our goals.

John Dunklee: He is in favor of our mission and wants walks along the Cockermouth but he thinks 3A is the State's problem and that it would be difficult to have off road paths. He also would like a path from Auto Air to Eithier Land. He wants to keep the taxes down and not add projects like the Newfound Pathways to raise taxes, but if not funding from the town, he would go along.

Bridgewater Candidates for Selectman:

Hank Woolner – He is in favor of questions #1, agrees with #2 and would approve with no funding from the town. If the timing is right, he would support a small amount for a match of the grant. This year would not work but future years might be better.

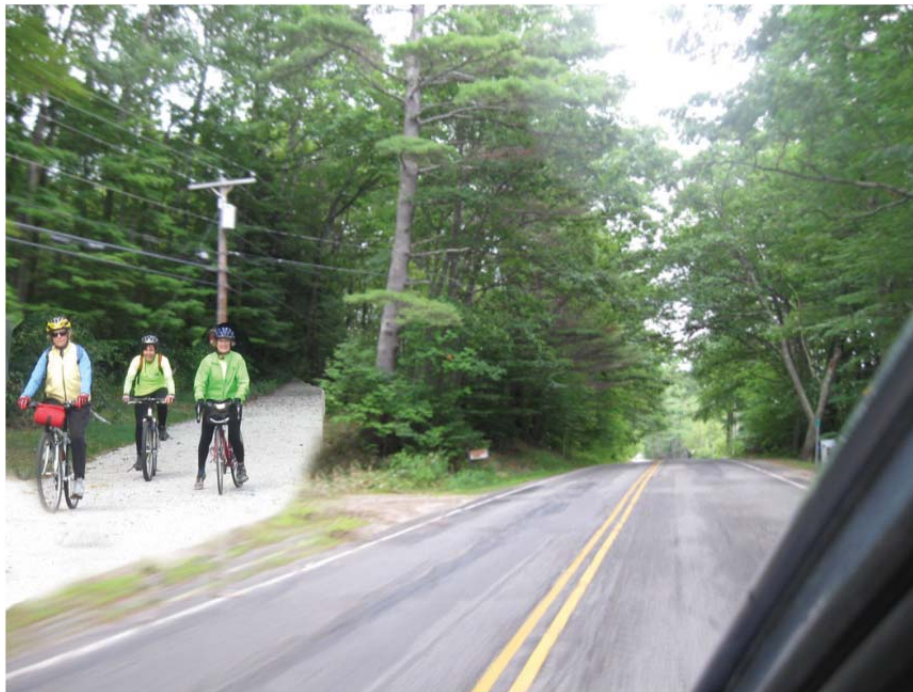
Ron Olszak - Agrees with our priorities and the master plan and would support the grant but was unable to speak to the request for money since he has not been on the board and does not know the needs and priorities for the budget. He does disagree with some of the spending at this time.

MEMBERSHIP

The Newfound Pathways is now a NH Non Profit!!

We are announcing a Membership Program for all to support and help take our mission to the next steps.

Please see form below and please consider joining this organization and it mission!



EASEMENTS AND RIGHT OF WAYS

We have a new Right of Way to add to our list.

Doug and Doris Riddle were the first to commit to using a portion of their land for a pathway off road along the beaver pond for our pathway. Then we built a new walking trail on the Audubon Paradise Point property so people could walk off road on that hill.

We now have a Right of Way commitment from the McLane Family to continue this trail across their property along the road that abuts the new Audubon trail on North Shore Road. This is a very dangerous part of North Shore Road so we are very excited about this possibility.

Please consider working with us for a right of way on your property if you own along the road or in a place that you feel that a trail would benefit our mission. We will be sending a letter and form to abutters along the roads and we are encouraging everyone to consider this possibility. Be creative and help us design this path. See form at end of letter.

NH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) UPDATE

David Berton, NPT board member, is our lead on Road Safety. He has held two meetings with the DOT to partner on how we can improve the road safety on the roads. The state does not have us on the 10 year plan since we are not the most populated area but they are very eager to work with us to design the plans for us and the state on signage and other safety resources for pedestrian safety. DOT has agreed to revisit our area, put up “share the road” signs in the appropriate areas and work with the Newfound Pathways and local towns to help design ways that we can make the roads safer this summer. We discussed striping and signage and painting on the roads that we can do ourselves to improve our roads. We host a lot of tourist and out of state residents with property during the summer and we need to encourage their use of the outdoors for recreation and health. It is our responsibility to make our area as safe as possible for all of us. This year will have fund raising drives for striping, symbol painting and signage.



BIKE AND ROAD SAFETY RODEO FOR CHILDREN

Last year we held a Safety Rodeo at the Tapply Thompson Camp for approximately 50 children and gave 4 restored bicycles and many helmets to children that did not have the safe equipment.

This year, we plan to hold our Rodeo with the Bridgewater/Hebron Elementary School.

The Rodeo will be held in conjunction with the school’s spring BBQ event on May 16 with a rain date of May 23. We will provide bicycle safety education, riding exercises, inspection of bikes and helmets and information for all students and their parents that attend this function.





MEMBERSHIP FORM

Yes, I want to be a supporter!

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

I am sending a (tax deductible) contribution of:

- \$10 Individual Member
- \$20 Family Member
- \$50 Association Member
- \$75 Business Member
- \$100 Patron
- \$250 Benefactor
- \$ Other _____

In addition to the membership contribution, I would like to volunteer to help.

Areas of Interest: _____

Make checks out to and send to: Newfound Pathways, P.O. Box 112, Hebron, NH 03241

RIGHT OF WAY TRAIL PERMISSION FORM

Permission is hereby granted to the Newfound Pathways Team to provide public pedestrian access on my property. It is understood that use of my property, for said purpose, in no way holds me liable or responsible for accidents which may occur as a result of others using my property as provided for in Chapter 212, Section 34, Laws of the State of New Hampshire (RSA 212:34 Duty of Care).

There shall be no fee for the use of this property. The above named organization agrees to mark, sign, and maintain the property in a proper and safe manner. _____

The State of New Hampshire, Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Parks and Recreation, Bureau of Trails shall also provide a landowner liability insurance policy with coverage of \$2,000,000.00 for trails within the Grant-In-Aid Program.

This agreement shall have a term of:

1. Indefinite

2. 1 year upon approval

3. 5 years upon approval

* THIS AGREEMENT MAY BE TERMINATED FOR ANY CAUSE, BY EITHER PARTY, UPON THIRTY (30) DAYS WRITTEN NOTIFICATION.

Dated this day of

Year

Signature Section

Landowner (Print name)

Address

Zip Code Telephone

Organization or Club Name

Landowner Signature

Town/City

Form provided by the Bureau of Trails 10/30/03
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Questions or comments?

Want to volunteer?

- Reply to this email
- Go to our website: <http://www.newfoundpathway.org>
- Email: info@newfoundpathway.org
- Write to Newfound Pathways , PO Box 112, Hebron, NH 03241
- Call 603-744-1048 • Fax 603-369-6501