

Star Center Planning Meeting  
Ellsworth City Hall  
03/22/07

Attending:

- Gary Briggs - Downeast Rail Heritage Trust [mainewine2@aol.com](mailto:mainewine2@aol.com)
- Bronson Platner - Downeast Rail Heritage Trust [bronson@zwi.net](mailto:bronson@zwi.net)
- Jim Fisher - HCPC [jfisher@hcpcme.org](mailto:jfisher@hcpcme.org)
- Jef Fitzgerald - Ellsworth [jfitzgerald@cityofellsworthme.org](mailto:jfitzgerald@cityofellsworthme.org)
- Kyle Pfeiffer - Congressman Michaud's Office [sara.stevens@mail.house.gov](mailto:sara.stevens@mail.house.gov)
- Bill Ceckler - Sunrise Trail Coalition - [ceckler@acadia.net](mailto:ceckler@acadia.net)

MaineDOT Planning Grant

- \$80k
- seeking \$16k matching funds
- Sunrise Trail - waiting to hear from Maine Community Foundation Grant
- Ellsworth can provide a share
- Chamber of Commerce - no commitment yet. Need to contact Mickie Sumpter
- Downeast Heritage Rail -

Memorandum of Understanding

Bill Ceckler recommended adding "for the Down East Sunrise Trail" in two locations.  
ACTION: Jim will make revisions to the MOU and send it out.

Updates

Heritage Rail -

- Waiting for spring
- Snowmobile clubs have been using it
- Back office - organizing volunteers, planning
- Crossing improvements, drainage, brush removal

Sunrise Trail -Bill Ceckler

- MaineDOT and MaineDOC have signed their MOU
- Hiring a manager - Charlie Corliss
- Held a meeting in Cherryfield
- Trail Head Mapping - sidings study by WCCOG, HCPC
- MaineDOT talked with salvager about value of rail relative to cost of trail preparation
- Trail quality may depend on funding

HCPC

- BP&L General Management Plan
- Quimby Family Foundation
- Bike Pedestrian Plan
- Long Range Transportation Plan Public Meeting being Planned

## Ellsworth

- Walgreen Proposal
- MaineDOT Lot
- Middle School Expansion
- Intersection improvements
- Route 1A Improvements