

RECREATIONAL TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Zoom

IN ATTENDANCE: Brendan Coyne, Steve Goodhue, Ned Bangs, and Keith Rice

GUESTS: Angela Scieszka

ADVISORS: Greg Guimond, Bill Grafton

FRIENDS: None

Brendan opened the meeting at 7:04pm on 7/22/2020.

Roll Call:

Ned: aye

Steve: aye

Keith: aye

Brendan, aye; unanimous.

The minutes from the June 23rd meeting were approved.

Brendan made a motion and Keith seconded.

Roll Call:

Ned, aye

Keith, aye

Steve, aye,

Brendan, aye; unanimous.

Kiosks and Maps

Angela gave the RTC an update on the progress on Webster's Wilderness, Pratt Farm, and John Little. Selectmen tabled naming of Pratt Farm (noted by Ned) Take another vote to support that the property be called the Pratt Farm.

Steve made a motion to make a recommendation to BOS (Mike Bradley) and Mike Maresco to call the Pratt Property "Pratt Farm." Brendan seconded. Brendan to send the letter. Angela to make some minor changes and print out maps for RTC's review. Keith to review dimensions.

Roll Call:

Brendan, aye,

Keith, aye

Steve, aye

Ned, aye passed unanimous.

Rail Trail Bridle Path – Ned got prices for Keville Bridge; some boards are broken and we need to repair boards and send to Mike Maresco. Latch and some graffiti. Also submitted application with Eversource to park at sub station and South River Street. Station Street no room for parking on Eversource property. There is some parking adjacent where we may be able to park. Wayne is doing a great job; new signage at end near substation and across the street. People are exited from town forum, paddle boarding kayaking, and biking.

Greg gave update into Pat Brennan looking into pans and deeds; found a 1953 plan showing a land swap matching assessors maps – station street pavement to far east of right-of-way may be able to squeeze in 3 or 4 spaces. In right-of-way near entrance to Eversource entrance kiosk sign in right there as well.

Need to reach out to Senator O'Connor and Representative Kearney. August mid-date for trail update.

Andrew Haley contacted Tim Russo and was routed to RTC – wants to work on trails behind Eames Way School for mountain bike trails for eagle project. Talk about potential cleanup and GPS trail work.

Shared Streets Grant Program – Steve contacted MassDot funding program. Flashlight signs is a great idea. Contacted Kevin Feyler and thought it was a fantastic idea and suggested contacting Chamber of Commerce, Lara Brait and Rod from DPW. Steve to work with Greg to follow up on the flashing lights that were used by town of Bridgewater. Steve to research more.

Trail Update – Andrea Miller and Mary Lamrock going to trails weekly and picking up trash. Starting to cut a bit down. Trail crew starting back up July 28th. Tackling Webster's Wilderness with 10 people; good stead considering COVID. Can social distance and wear masks. Very excited to get started again.

Correspondence – Alyssa wants to help out with trail project; a girl scout who Ned met at Webster's Wilderness, and walked trail to review the nature of work. Waiting to hear back on when they want to start. Want to do whole system with them and adult Webster looking pretty good.

Keith indicated some negative feedback on Bridle Path/Rail Trail; a few people said it should have been compacted and stonedust behind Judy's house should have been left alone. Over time it should settle down. Behind Judy's is part of trail.

Next meeting is September 2nd at 7pm.

Brendan make a motion to adjourn, Steve second.

Roll Call:

Steve aye;

Keith aye;

Brendan aye;

Ned aye passed unanimous at 9:08 pm.