

RECREATIONAL TRAILS COMMITTEE - MEETING MINUTES

July 27, 2016

Hearing Room 3, Town Hall, Marshfield

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Mike Bilas

IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Bilas, Linda Cincotti, Vicki McPherson, Steve Robbins, Roger Whidden

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: After amending the date of the public meeting hosted by BL Industries from June 15th to June 25th, the minutes of the May 25, 2016 were unanimously approved.

MASS AUDUBON REPRESENTATIVE: Sue MacCallum, from the Audubon Society, had some questions about the Comprehensive Trails Plan as presented by BL Industries. Some of these concerns centered around limiting access to certain parcels of land in order to maintain control of usage and to control maintenance issues. Mike Bilas stressed that before any decisions were made by the RTC as to how to implement the suggestions made by BL Industries in the plan, there would be discussions with all the appropriate stakeholders that would be effected. With respect to the RTC website, Sue also suggested having links to other websites like the Audubon website and Conservation Commission website.

NEW BUSINESS: Presently the RTC has 2 vacancies that need to be filled. The Committee discussed ways to notify the public about these vacancies, how to actively recruit people to be on the Committee and the selection of a Chair person for the upcoming year. The discussion stressed that the Committee wants to have a well- balanced committee, with all sides of an issue being investigated. Vicki McPherson was going to speak with some folks who may be interested in being on the Committee.

Mike Bilas has been approached by an Eagle Scout who would like to get involved with the RTC. Mike has talked with the boy's mom and suggested she and her son talk with Jay Wennemer about possible projects that would be an appropriate and useful. Steve Robbins will look into helping the Eagle Scout and Jay connect. Roger Whidden was very interested in getting involved with future Scouting projects involving the RTC.

Now that the Comprehensive Trails Plan Report is finished, the RTC needs to review all the suggestions made by BL Industries and decide which projects are to be implemented. In addition, the Committee will need to prioritize those projects. After discussing several potential projects, the Committee decided to pursue several projects simultaneously. Creating trail signage (Vicki McPherson), pursuing the creation of a multiuse trail (Mike Bilas, Steve Robbins, Linda Cincotti), and reaching out to enlist the Boy Scouts in creating and maintaining trails (Roger Whidden).

ADJOURNMENT: The next meeting will be **Wednesday, September 14th**. Mike Bilas moved to adjourn at 8:20pm. It was seconded and was unanimously voted to adjourn.

HANDOUTS: Agenda for present meeting, Minutes for the May 25, 2016 meeting

Respectfully Submitted: Linda Cincotti, Clerk