

RECREATIONAL TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MARSHFIELD TOWN HALL

PLANNING BOARD ROOM

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm on May 2, 2018.

IN ATTENDANCE: Linda Cincotti, Roger Whidden, Steve Goodhue, Bert O'Donnell, Bill Grafton, Vicki McPherson, Eric Goodwin, Ned Bangs, Jason Zimmer, Greg Guimond, and Brendan Coyne

ABSENT: Keith Rice

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the RTC 4-11-18 meeting were read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS – **Vendor Liaison:** Ned gave an update in regard to the Carreiro trail kiosk prototype template, and the plan is for Roger and Ned to go to Brenner's shop on Monday to provide the Committee's feedback that need to be updated (20 items listed below):

1. All titles (except safety bubble) will have black lettering, same font and font size as the title in the first bubble in the upper right side;
2. The rules and regulations bubble to be black numbers and no circles;
3. Legend bubble is to be expanded to match the rules and regulations size so they are consistent;
4. Parking icon(s) will be black with a black surrounding circle;
5. The "you are here" icon is to have a orange background and white person;
6. Bench icon is to remain brown;
7. Marsh areas to be blue and white with a wetlands symbol;
8. Add marsh icon to legend bubble;
9. Move the trail questions into top left side bubble;
10. Slide the sponsor logos to the right and add the Maprika to bottom left corner;
11. Add the locus map to lower right corner;
12. Add major roads to map when possible: Maryland, Union, highway, North River;
13. Extend trail dots to connect trail to parking area when possible;
 - a. Change white trail dots to blue and red;
14. Colors for map:
 - a. Property to be highlighted with trail – light hunter green tone;
 - b. Protected property – much lighter version of light hunter green;
 - c. Unprotected property – light gray instead of orange;

- d. Background of total signage: keep the current green color of the prototype with existing background and symbols with bird in the top area, tree on right side, grass and water on bottom edge;
- 15. Remove the URL designation in top area and replace with Marshfield website info;
- 16. The font in the top area should be the same larger font and size as the partners area at the bottom;
- 17. The general size of map should be condensed to incorporate some of these changes if necessary;
- 18. Safety will remain orange; however, trail questions will go to “Area”
- 19. Bold property boundaries; and
- 20. Town of Marshfield logo upper right hand corner.

There was additional discussion about simplifying the rules and regulations by use of universal symbols, and markers that indicate steep vs. easy (green circle = easy; blue square = intermediate; and black diamond = difficult).

Review Conservation Rules for Signage “No Hunting” Designation – Conservation Commission is in discussion of having areas open for bow-hunting season for deer control. Bert and Bill advised that the RTC should refrain from using the words “No Hunting” on the signage due to issues of enforcement capacity. Bill advised that if we are to use such language, keep the signage simple and concise (e.g., No dumping, no littering, no fires, etc.) with a clear message that will prevent further changes in the future. (if we have to amend the “No hunting” rule) No motion was made to rescind the former meeting’s vote to put the word’s “No Hunting” on the trail kiosks. Instead, Roger made a motion, seconded by Vicki, to defer any action until the Conservation Commission updates their rules and regulations (i.e., decides what action to take and figure out what they are going to do). The vote was passed, unanimously.

High School Liaison – Tom Greeland’s students will be building and are working on the kiosk structures; as such, Mr. G’s class has taken the time to make a trip to Brenner’s to show students how signs are made and the machinery used. (Mr. Brenner offered students job opportunities) Roger offered feedback on the sketch of the physical structures, and believes that the proposed model needs a support beam.

Trail Walk – Ned spoke about the 2 trail walks that have been scheduled by the RTC, 10 am on May 5, 2018 at Carreiro and 5 pm on June 9th, 2018 at John Little; the lifelong learning charge is \$1.00 per person. The plan is to schedule more hikes from July to November, as Ned has been approached by citizens who are interested and have been inquiring why they have been placed on a waiting list.

Treasurer – Steve reports we received an invoice but it’s unclear what goods were procured. Steve to reach out to Tom Greeland for more information on what the invoice

pertains to. Moreover, Steve gave an update in regard to the DCR grant update. He reports that we will likely not hear back from DCR until September.

Long Term Projects – Greg gave an update on the Rail Trail/Bridle Path South River St. entrance and parking project. Greg has contacted an engineer to come up with a plan and a cost analysis report. The committee will need to vote on next steps on procuring funding from CPC and devise a proposal (before September).

Update New Member(s) – Brendan Coyne is on the agenda for the Selectmen's meeting for Monday, May 7th, and will then be sworn-in on a subsequent date. Eric Goodwin to move forward with the associate/alternate member position.

NEW BUSINESS: Donations – The Committee has decided to invite Mr. Feeney to a future meeting once a donation policy that has been agreed upon by the Committee has been established. Once established and implemented, the Committee invites Mr. Feeney to speak about what exactly he wants to do in conjunction with the RTC.

NEXT MEETING: 5/30/18 at Marshfield Town Hall in the Planning Board Room @ 7 pm.

ADJOURNEMENT: 9:38 pm

Submitted by Brendan Coyne