

RECREATIONAL TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MARSHFIELD TOWN HALL

PLANNING BOARD ROOM

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm on September 5, 2018.

IN ATTENDANCE: Linda Cincotti, Vicki McPherson, Ned Bangs, Roger Whidden and Brendan Coyne

ABSENT: Steve Goodhue and Keith Rice

ADVISORS: Bert O'Donnell, Bill Grafton, and Greg Guimond

GUEST: Eric Goodwin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the RTC 8/22/18 meeting were read, and Brendan made a motion to approve the minutes, Ned seconded, which then led to a discussion. Eric noted that last meeting he said "he's happy to help on the long range planning committee and anywhere else the committee needs him." Brendan mentioned that the second page, second paragraph, line 5 should read: "It was agreed" instead of "It as agreed." Brendan made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Ned seconded, and the vote was passed, and was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS – ***CPC funding proposal presented by Brendan***

Bert, Steve, Greg and Brendan met on two occasions to discuss and solidify the RTC CPC proposal for September 30th. Greg delineated the engineering and design work for South River and Station St. ADA access would need a separate gradual grading. 8 parking spaces likely needed at South River St. Brendan expresses need to be able to justify the stone dust as compared to gravel or other surfaces. Brendan disseminated a handout on the Committees CPC Proposa. Area from CVS to South River has held up well and can serve as a proven template. Bill lists multiple benefits of stone dust. Linda questions as to crosswalks and paint and crossing signs, which, Greg mentioned, are a DPW responsibility. Greg noted that South River also needs a kiosk. Linda voices concern over trail/street and intersection safety. Eric states that our "bare bones" proposal could be better by presenting best practices options at great expense for comparison. Greg requests need for another YAH sign. Culverts and bollards could be done by DPW also. Roger asks Greg as to option in future to expand width of stone dust in the future if necessary. Greg stated that future expansion of width is doable. Why this proposal, asked Brendan? Eric stated that in the town bylaws mentioned the creation of a multiuse trail as part of an overall plan for the community. In addition, the

Comprehensive Trail Plan Report also recommended the creation of a multi-use trail and further recommended that the Bridle Path/Rail Trail would be the best suited for that trail. The report also states that this trail could act as “a spine stitching together many of the other trails, open spaces and neighborhoods” in the town.

Long term maintenance, Greg stated that it would cost about \$5K to be kept up each year. Eric suggested we connect to an ADA advocate and other non-profits. Bert suggested that we send a letter to DPW, Selectmen, Conservation Commission, and power companies about what we plan to do, to make sure we all are on the same page. Ned suggested that we also send the same letter to Open Space Committee, Police, Fire, Town Administrator and Planning Board. Greg submitted a map of the proposed area to each of RTC.

Ned recommended that we support the draft of the CPC Proposal that Brendan reviewed with the Committee, which was seconded by Vicki. The vote passed and was unanimous.

Update – kiosk signage and kiosk installation – Corn Hill

Linda asked the RTC if there was anything the committee wanted to change on the map signage for Corn Hill Woodlands kiosk. Ned mentioned the plan was to have a standard map design for all the kiosks. Therefore, most elements of the map signage would stay the same as the Jose Carreiro signage, except the partner’s info, the history, the trail classification, and possibly the legend info. Also the numbers of trails on each property could necessitate some changes. Some parts of the map would stay the same, such as, the Safety info. The Partners for Corn Hill Woodlands will be the CPC, the Open Space Committee, the Conservation Commission, the Department of Public Works, the North South River Watershed Association, Wildlands Trust, Mass Audubon, Boy Scouts troop 38 (Jonathan) and troop 101 (Robson).

Bill mentioned that Brenner went to Jose Carreiro trail and walked around the trail and checked it out. With him personally coming to the trail, the committee still had many changes and iterations of that map signage. The committee would like to expedite this next project. Vicki will talk to Brenner about kiosk signage and ask if Brenner feels that it is necessary for him to walk the Corn Hill property. If he wants to walk it, Bill and Ned will walk with him at their convenience. Vicki mentioned that we paid Brenner to walk the trail. Ned mentioned the day we have the Jose kiosk installed, we should have Brenner do the walk at Corn Hill for an efficient use of time. Bill said Brenner calls this a “site evaluation.” Bill mentioned the cost is embedded in the budget proposal. Bill indicated that Brenner will be able to drop the Corn Hill template into the Jose template for changes/updates. Ned mentioned we will need pictures of footbridges in the Corn Hill map. Vicki mentioned that the YAH signs are difficult to understand where you actually are. Bill explained more of a numbered system for safety (if someone collapsed at 5, the police or people know where they are on the trail). Bert mentioned other numbers will not be there, only the number associated at that YAH sign.

For Corn Hill map signage, it was suggested the we move the legend inside the main map where the locus was on the Carreiro map. The committee will have to give Brenner a new history, a new trail classification, new Partners info (see above). However, the Safety info can stay the same and the trail rules can the stay the same. There may be some changes to the legend, as Corn Hill legend items are unique. YAH sign will consist of just square (16X16 or 14x14) in the middle in main map, no pictures. The YAH bubble will have the number (5, 1, 2) inside the main map legend and right inside above the locus map will be the legend.

Ned mentioned 18x24 YAH sign. Brenner suggestion was we do a smaller sign 12x18 because it's easier to attach and less likely for people to vandalize as a smaller sign with not bend/shake. It was suggested that the top left picture be taken out, that we keep the same background color as Jose Carreriro map but change the wetlands "crown" to be blue for coastal and brown for inland (coastal marsh blue; inland marsh brown). Also suggested, was that a footbridge (replaces bench) icon be added to the legend and that the difficult designation be removed. Ned would look into the Corn Hill Woodlands history. Vicki mentioned that the DPW could make us some trail designation signs by Corn Hill lane.

OLD BUSINESS

RTC website

Roger Whidden from the Communications working group, stated that he would review the current RTC website looking at what may need to be updated and or added/deleted from the website. The committee members will also review the website and come to the next meeting with suggestions and recommendations.

Chamber of Commerce

Ned mentioned that the folks from the Chamber of Commerce could not make it to this meeting. He handed out a map and booklet that the COC has created and disseminated to the public. The RTC agreed that the map looked great. This map indicated town and local camping areas, paddleboards, kayaking and canoeing areas, etc. Ned mentioned that this map and booklet can be picked up at Town Hall and Chamber of Commerce/member affiliates.

Sidewalk fund

Greg mentioned that there is money in the sidewalk fund. These funds could be used to do the first section of Webster/Parsonage Street, which would extend to Green Harbor Golf Club (dirt road side on opposite side of street). This work is important as this will connect to the backbone of the trail system. The committee agreed that a letter or

email should be created, requesting funds from the sidewalk fund be made available for a sidewalk from Webster/Parsonage to Green Harbor Gold Club, which is the next phase of the rail trail. Brendan and Linda will draft the letter for the committee's consideration. Brendan made a motion, seconded by Vicki, to send a letter to the DPW/Planning Board. The vote passed, and was unanimous.

NEXT MEETING: 9/19/18 at Marshfield Town Hall in the Planning Board Room @ 7 pm. Brendan made a motion, seconded by Ned to adjourn. The vote passed and was unanimous.

ADJOURNEMENT: 9:05 pm

Submitted by Brendan Coyne