

## RECREATION TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

### MARSHFIELD TOWN HALL

### PLANNING BOARD ROOM

The meeting was called to order by Vicki at 7:05 pm on January 16, 2019.

IN ATTENDANCE: Vicki McPherson, Brendan Coyne, Steve Goodhue, Ned Bangs, Keith Rice, and Eric Goodwin

ABSENT: Roger Whidden

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the RTC 11/14/18 meetings were reviewed. Steve made a motion to accept the minutes, and Keith seconded. Vote passed, and was unanimous.

- NB opened the meeting by introducing a fellow Marshfield citizen who has been joining Ned on the community walks, specifically the Hoyt Hall reservation. He voiced his interest in what the RTC does, and would like to learn more and offer what help he can.
- Angela, a vendor who the RTC was interested in when they first started looking for signage, presented her mock signage to the RTC (Hoyt Hall and Brockton Audubon. Angela is going to clarify costs for the RTC and provide previous proposals to the new members of the committee. The committee is to provide Angela with a list of signs and preserves that were identified in the master trail plan.
- Ned's speech was a success and CPC approved the \$200K Bridle Path/Rail Trail project. The proposal working group also gave an update on the DCR grant. Brendan and Steve have been working diligently to finalize the grant proposal before February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. The plan is to work with Steve, Bill (Heritage and habitat, EPA), Greg (pictures and drawings), and Eric offline to tie up all of the loose ends before submission. A discussion ensued as to whether or not we should add tools to the grant. Vicki made a motion, seconded by Keith, to not include tools in the grant proposal. Vote passed, and was unanimous after much discussion. It was mentioned that the committee could send a money article for \$5K for the procurement of tools that the RTC needs to maintain the current trail systems.

- Keith made a motion, seconded by Brendan, to let Tom Greland know that the RTC would like a portrait kiosk installed at the Ferry Street location, fairly close to the gate. Vote passed, unanimous. While speaking about the High School and Tom Greland's class, Vicki made an additional motion, seconded by Keith, that the next kiosk they make go to the John Little trail. Vote passed, unanimous.
- Greg and Eric gave an update on the revised sidewalk letter. The letter has been revised to request that the sidewalk be extended to Blackmount, specifically, Whitford Circle (instead of ending at Green Harbor Golf Course). Once could then, use the sidewalk to gain access to Whitford Circle, then through the Blackmount neighborhood, gain access back to the Rail Trail. Vicki made a motion, seconded by Keith, to change the new ending point and reflect it in an updated letter. Vote was passed, and was unanimous.
- Eric Goodwin of the RTC offered to maintain the Webster's Wilderness trail as a sponsor through his company, South Shore Outdoors. If the RTC approves, the next step is to bring it to the Conservation Committee. The discussion eventually led to the current Corn Hill project, in which Vicki made a motion, seconded by Steve, to support Eric's request that South Shore Outdoors be put on the Corn Hill signage as a partner. The vote passed, and was unanimous (Eric abstained). The discussion then flowed into the possibility of an adopt the trail program, to which Eric could provide an event or two a year, maintenance, volunteer days, etc. more research needs to be done and to bring it before the Town Administrator and Selectmen. Committee agreed could be used as a template for future adopt a trail program sponsors. Eric to send a letter to Ned who will bring to Mike Maresco. Steve then made a motion, seconded by Brendan to support an adopt the trail program and use Eric as a model. Vote was passed, and was unanimous (Eric abstained).
- Keith gave a quick update on a shed in Brant Rock that may be eligible for donation, but has some structural issues. A discussion ensued as to where the shed would be placed. Keith to reach out to Police Department to gain their perspective.
- Vicki gave a quick update on the Hall property and its importance. She followed up with the treasurer who told her to check back in 3, 6, and 9 months.
- Eric informed the RTC that the town of Kingston is working on establishing an RTC and they may have questions, etc. Eric recommended we support their efforts. Eric, seconded by Keith, made a motion that we formally vote to support their efforts to establish an RTC. A vote was passed, and was unanimous.

NEXT MEETING: 1/30/19 at Marshfield Town Hall in the Planning Board Room @ 7 pm.  
Brendan made a motion, seconded by Steve to adjourn. The vote passed and was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:35 pm

Submitted by Brendan Coyne