

Recreational Trails Committee

Marshfield Town Hall

Hearing Room 1

March 13, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE: Vicki McPherson, Steve Goodhue, Ned Bangs, Eric Goodwin, Keith Rice, advisor Bill Grafton, advisor Bert O'Donnell

ABSENT: Brendan Coyne, Roger Whidden, advisor Greg Guimond

VISITORS: Mike Arsenault, Richard Bell

VM called the meeting to order at 7:07pm on March 13, 2019.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Jan 30 with unanimous acceptance, Feb 13 with unanimous acceptance

Steve motions accept Jan 30 min. Keith 2nd. No discussion. Vote unanimous.

Keith motions accept Feb 13 min. Steve 2nds. No discussion. Vote unanimous.

Next meeting – March 27th 7pm at Town Hall

Ned gave overview of proposal submitted by Dan Reynolds for sculpture trail section and asked for the committee to advise.

EG motioned to support the concept of an artistic installation on a recreational trail and to ask Ned to initiate a review with central town departments and leaders. Passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Vicki moves that Eric will ask Emilsons if we could recognize them on our kiosk sign as a partner to Corn Hill Woodlands. NB seconds. Unanimously accepted w/ no abstentions.

Discussion of feeding information to new designer so she can be as informed as possible about each property before she designs the kiosk signs. Vicki and Bill ask the committee to feed her requested information. Vicki motions that Conservation Administrator becomes the graphic artist liaison. SG 2nds. Vote accepted unanimously, no abstentions.

Ned gave overview about logo decisions related to recognizing selectmen.

Ned noted current funding request for Rail Trail doesn't include benches or bike racks, and that taking a look at donations would be a good solution. Ned spoke with Mike Moresco (Town Administrator) on this topic on how to move forward.

Ned noted Friday May 10 5pm, rain date Sat May 11 5pm – walk at COA in Webster’s Wilderness. \$5 per person. Bert questioned liability with charging for walks. NB noted it’s common practice with Rec departments and supported in the MGLs.

NB noted that senior tax relief, applied for via COA, might be an avenue for growing capacity for trail maintenance that we should try to leverage.

NB noted Sat Apr 6 10am, rain date following Sat same time, is set for a Rail Trail walk before town meeting.

Vicki makes motion to notify abutters before work starts on Rail Trail and to invite public to April 10 meeting and to hold open meeting at COA after award to engage public on the project. Keith 2nd. Unanimously approved w/ no abstentions. (PLEASE REVIEW)

Ned noted that Mike Maresco supported a MOU process for trail sponsorship.

Ned debriefed committee on Marshfield High School “We are Marshfield” capacity for volunteer maintenance.

EG motioned that NED should pursue “We Are Marshfield” opportunity for trail maint. VM 2nd. Unanimous support w/ no abstentions.

Ned asked that committee members identify possible businesses organizations that support volunteer efforts that might support maintenance of our trails.

EG introduced the idea of funding for yearly work and feasible mechanisms for funding. Bert noted that CPC is an appropriate funding mechanism for improvements, not maintenance but refurbishment. Bill can fund some items like t-shirts. Bill noted there is a new grant writer that might have some capacity. Committee will revisit this in or around May.

Vicki noted RTC will need an Eversource easement by the Hall property for future extensions of the Rail Trail. EG will work with Vicki to write a letter for Eversource requesting an easement. Committee will vote to send letter after it is drafted and reviewed.

Vicki noted we need to work on our town-wide connectivity. Greg noted we should form a working group to look into connectivity. LRPWG will bring a strategy.

Vicki noted that Rich was interested in joining the committee and he should follow up with the clerk’s office about that process.

Keith motions to adjourn. Vicki 2nd. Unanimous support w/ no abstentions. Adjourned 9:08