

RECREATIONAL TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MARSHFIELD TOWN HALL

MEETING ROOM 3

May 8, 2019

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

ADVISORS: Bill Grafton, Bert O'Donnell

ABSENT: Steve Goodhue, Greg Guimond (advisor)

VISITORS: Judi Freden, Rich Bell, Paula O'Brien Broome, Gretchen MacCarthy

Vicki motioned to call meeting to order. Keith 2nd. Vote unanimous. The meeting was called to order by Vicki at 7:03 pm on May 8, 2019.

Vicki opened the meeting with introductions of committee members.

Vicki asked audience for questions, noting future public meetings will be convened.

Paula commented that she was disappointed about town meeting and the lack of time to ask questions, and that she believed abutters should have been approached early on. She further noted that the electric company removed many trees.

Ned noted the RTC will be doing due diligence with several departments related to the Bridle Path/Rail Trail and having engineers do assessments. Once that is further along there will be more answers to questions.

Paula noted she's concerned about safety related to increased traffic.

Judi asked about engineering timeline. It was noted by Bert that funding begins July 1st.

Vicki thanked all visitors for coming.

Vicki motioned that the RTC look into an MCTV presentation about the Bridle Path/Rail Trail project. Brendan 2nd. Vote unanimous to accept. Ned will take steps.

Vicki motioned that the RTC draft a letter to Marshfield Dept heads asking for consultation. Eric discussed that the level of work needed calls for a dedicated group within the RTC to focus on this multi-stage process. Vicki amended her motion to include drafting a letter to department

heads and convening a working group to focus on the Bridle Path/Rail Trail project. Eric 2nd. Vote to accept unanimous.

The Chair noted the LRPWG will take up due diligence around dog mitt stations/dog waste management

Vicki will follow-up with Mike Maresco about Rail Trail permissions south of Webster St.

Ned gave an overview of our new working calendar and will present a first working version at our next meeting. Eric offered his assistance.

Brendan asked that all members bring suggestions for potential grants to the committee so a strategy can be imparted.

Bill updated the status of kiosk design and design process with our graphic designer. Bill asked that RTC members respond to the designers queries.

Eric will follow-up with Bill around fund for donations.

Eric presented trail assessments and management reports. Vicki motioned that we vote next meeting on adopting a trail assessment and trail management report. Brendan 2nd. Unanimous vote yes.

Ned noted the RTC contributed \$70 dollars for pizza and soda and Ned kicked in \$24.70 on top of the \$70 to cover the pizza for the We Are Marshfield volunteers. Eric noted they picked up 17 piles of dog feces, repaired ATV damage at the Pratt Stairs, grubbed out green briars in Pratt, and completed other trail stewardship activities. It was a successful event.

Ned overviewed the current schedule of RTC hikes.

- May 10, 5pm, Webster's Wilderness
- June 1, 10am Jose Carreiro; 5pm John Little
- July 18, 6pm Rail Trail/Pratt from CVS kiosk
- Aug 7, 6pm, Bridle path Ferry St. to Station St
- Sept 14, 10am, Couch Cemetery
- Oct 4, 5pm Corn Hill Union St. parking
- Nov 16, 10am Hoyt Hall Careswell parking lot

Bill updated on the shed project slated for John Little property to support volunteer trail work. The National Heritage program green lighted the project and Bill is replying to Wildlands Trust to formally request permission to implement the shed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 13, 2019 minutes accepted – Eric motioned to accept, Keith 2nd.

Ned asked dates be added at top of all. Eric added dates. Brendan abstained. Passed with all yeah votes + 1 abstention.

March 27, 2019 minutes accepted. Vicki noted to remove Roger, Eric removed. Eric moved to accept. Vicki 2nd. Unanimous acceptance.

April 10, 2019 minutes accepted. Eric moved to accept April 10 minutes. Vicki abstained. 5 yeah, 1 abstention.

May 29, 7pm will be next RTC meeting.

Keith motioned adjournment. Eric 2nd. Unanimously accepted. Adjourned at 9:19.