

RECREATIONAL TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 10, 2021

Zoom

IN ATTENDANCE: Brendan Coyne, Steve Goodhue, Ned Bangs, and Keith Rice

GUESTS: Angela Scieszka

ADVISORS: Greg Guimond, Bill Grafton

FRIENDS: Jim McCorry, Jeff Corvese, Bert O'Donnell

Brendan opened the meeting at 6:49 pm on 2-10-21. Keith second.

Roll Call:

Keith; aye

Steve; aye

Brendan, aye. Vote is unanimous.

Keith made a motion to accept the November 18th minutes, with the amendment to the new meeting date. Steve seconded.

Roll Call:

Steve: aye

Keith: aye.

Brendan aye. Vote is unanimous.

Updates:

Old Business

Pratt Farm and Webster Wilderness Maps – Maps are going pretty well all done and ready to go. Interesting development with Greg Brenner. Angela asked for one final proof which he approved last week. Brenner has now said he doesn't want to do the job because Angela is asking for too many questions and asking for too many proofs. Angela went to Zebra signs who does the same as Brenner. Zebra uses Fossil for final printing of panel. Showed vendor where we are at this point. Comfortable with an estimate and costs would be comfortable and can pick up where we are right now. Would take about four weeks to do. Everything would be the same. Stay with Brenner or pack up and move to Zebra as a vendor. Angela then showed the maps to the committee. Steve is going to talk to Brenner because switching from Brenner at this point will slow down the process. Bill gave an update on a repurposed blue trail. He will check in with Conservation Commission. Greg mentioned that Angela has gotten the yellow trail GPS from Adelaide subdivision.

Troop 424 – Troop 424; Alyssa Budd built a partnership hope is continue to keep them volunteering as long as they can.

Trail Crew – No updates. Ned will be getting the saddle back again and have the trail crew up and running.

Eversource Lease – Nothing to report.

Ned Bangs joined the Zoom.

Crosswalks and Metal Signs – Judi Freden reached out concerned about metal signs at Pinehurst. Jim Jackson has installed signs on Pinehurst. Need to follow up to see if all of the yellow crosswalk signs for pedestrians/horses. Brendan to follow up with Jim.

Kiosk at South River Street – installed.

Next Kiosk, John Little – High School is ready to finish the kiosk at the beginning of January. Then High School went on a COVID lockdown. Keith followed up two weeks ago with Tom on the location. Permission from Chris Little for location and reviewed the site and had no issues with the placement. Angela showed us the kiosk for John Little and gave the committee updates.

Rail Trail/Bridle Path Work Startup

Wayne to have most of the stonedust work done before turtle migration; ramping up efforts in the spring. Steve has not seen any invoices from DPW for crosswalk signs; to reach out.

New Business

Town Vision, RTC vision for sidewalks, bike lanes – Greg has GIS help to get that map done. Greg is asking if we have the opportunity where there are sidewalks locally to trails in place and where we need to make connectivity points to make the connection between the trails. Will be helpful for future grants and Town Meeting – overall existing conditions and here is our plan for the future. Lower rail trail connection to Duxbury; roadways that could be converted to trails around cranberry bogs. More we have figured out. Showing how property into overall plan.

Open Space Committee – Steve went to first meeting in January and second meeting tomorrow night. Looking at a parcel that is very high on their list. Cranberry off of Moraine Street.

Clean Up Old Barn at Webster Estate – Ned sent photos of the Webster barn. Behind the Webster estate is the old foundation. Bits of history that are interesting. Maybe clean it up? More than a one person job.

Town Report – sent to Town Hall and approved by RTC.

Community Input – Carolina Hill update from Bill. Received complaint for a new bike single track trail. Had a long chat with lady who made a complaint letter. Put trail on trail forks online for biker's to use. It is in a very hilly, pristine area. Bert mentioned that if anybody wants to make new trails get in touch with the RTC. Bill mentioned that parking on Hunter off of Union has become a problem. Working to figure out a way to alleviate the complaints.

Correspondence – RTC webpage and people responding about trails and sending inquiries over e-mail. Judi Freden e-mailed about ATVs, dirt bikes, and apparently a vehicle entered the Bridle Path. Individual reached out on Wharf Creek trail. May be interested in helping clear trails and RTC. Steve mentioned Carolina Hill, Pine Street parking lot, and Brooks Tilden. Greg also mentioned sidewalk from Parsonage Street where we can tie into the future rail trail. Angela to send the proofs around for review. Stone walls and dock for John Little.

Next Meeting – Next meeting is Wednesday, March 24th at 7pm.

Adjournment – Brendan make a motion to adjourn at 8:28pm. Steve seconded.

Ned: aye

Steve: aye

Keith: aye

Brendan: aye, vote is unanimous.