

**RECREATIONAL TRAILS COMMITTEE**  
**Town Hall 870 Moraine Street Marshfield, MA**  
**Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

GUESTS: Angela Scieszka

ADVISORS: Greg Guimond, Bill Grafton

Brendan made a motion to open the meeting at 7:04. Ned seconds.

Ned: aye

Steve: aye

Brendan: aye. Vote is unanimous.

Open Meeting: April 28<sup>th</sup> minutes, 2021, at 7pm – table until next meeting.

**Old Business**

Updates:

**Pratt, Webster, John Little**

Angela sent email pertaining to the maps. Brenner prints were skewed: Pratt and Webster 90 degrees. On Webster, some were smaller than the others than the regular size; some of the trees, as well. Potentially a formatting issue on Brenner's side. Overall, Pratt color is OK. Steve is going to talk to Brenner. Angela to write a letter to Brenner.

John Little looks good, other than proof. Delaying next steps until we rectify and figure out what happened with Pratt and Webster. Ned made a motion to accept John Little map (Angela's version, Kiosk-Little LO5.pdf April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 5:51 pm) with the caveat that Steve will work with Brenner on the printing issues with Pratt and Webster. Brendan seconded motion.

Ned: aye

Steve: aye

Brendan: aye, unanimous

**Rail Trail & Bridle Path**

Angela worked with Greg to present some design options for the Rail Trail / Bridle Path kiosks panels. Kiosk structures are installed on Ocean Street, South River Street (south side), Ferry Street and Station Street. The Ocean Street kiosk is planned to be two sided—one panel facing CVS and the other facing Molly Park.

The options presented were:

- A.) Rail Trail map panel (Ocean facing CVS)
- B.) Overall Informational panel for both Rail Trail & Bridle path (Ocean facing Molly Park)
- C.) Bridle Path combined, from S. River to Station (for all kiosks from S. River to Station)

A & C feature a main map of the trail, a text column on the left with intro paragraph and numbered bullet information keyed to the trail features on the main map, plus a locus inset on the right.

B is text oriented with overall info about the background of the railroad; how the trail was created; the horse connection and current use and features of the combined RT & BP; several inset photos; a locus map that includes the entire rail bed and future RT extension.

Another option with the Bridle Path split on two separate signs was presented:

- D.) Southern portion from S. River to Ferry
- C.) Northern portion from Ferry to Station

Greg, Angela, Steve and the committee discussed some logistical and budgetary items related to the sign options as well as sign content.

The consensus of the committee was for: Option C, (the combined Bridle Path) for the kiosks at Ferry Street and Station St., plus a possible additional kiosk on the north side of South River Street. Options A & B for the kiosk on Ocean St. Option A for the south side of S. Station St.

Ned commented that for consistency map A should include the label for Uncle Bud Skate Park and the legend needs the symbol for the bridge. When talking with the horse folks agreed that we would ask them for horse etiquette. Ned to look for some documents; for Ferry Street sign good opportunity to add language for horse etiquette. Horse language will be on all Bridle Path signs.

Greg indicated we will hear back June 26<sup>th</sup> on whether or not we got the grant for the flashing lights for the pedestrian crosswalks. Added money to proposal to procure outside assistance to get them installed as soon as possible. Rapid response.

Let Angela know of any changes.

### **Bench for Webster Update**

Ned to follow up with benches at Webster's Wilderness. Greg marked out areas. One near Jeep and one near Ned's Pipe. Ned to follow up when they will be installed. If RTC

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thinks these benches are good, we will use again. Jodie Reale to install; strong platform, and also in future sponsor a bench and give recognition on a bench.

**Eversource Application**

Table to next meeting. No update.

**CPC - suggestions for grant application**

Steve, Ned, and Greg were going to come up with some small projects, Ned enhanced list. But going to try to get it done by next meeting, Flashing signs grant, guidelines for benches, COC benches Webster's (Carol Hamilton), other trail benches, dog waste solution. Mark Webster Wilderness Trail. Bill mentioned RTC article. Missing yellow trail. Group went out Tuesday to cut. Person removing yellow trail flagging; but team did as much as they could. Going to re-flag yellow trail.

Ned's list: Wayne Lopes to spend a day to move stones around so vehicles do not go in back of south side south river street, flashing lights, benches, dog waste need to hold off until we figure out where to put them as a test and collect and empty. Maybe look into Pilgrim Trail (if looking on another project and clearing). Nice east west connector. Brooks Tilden Bill Grafton brought up. Union Street Woodland parking conflict. Right of way and the road way actually laid out. More parking off Union Street; complaint filed and would provide relief.

**Dog Waste**

On the list. Greg mentioned start purchasing little dispenser and bags, would DPW pick it up? Approach DPW and do a test on the rail trail. Start and ending easy access. Brendan to e-mail commissioners and Tom Reynolds from Trails Committee to DPW noting that we get a lot of comments about dog waste. We are willing to request CPA funding to procure dispense and container. Would DPW be able to pick them up if we had one by South River Rail Trail near CVS and the far side just in from the side so it would be easy to get the bag few steps and get the bag. RTC put in initial money to supply bags for a year and maybe take on in the future or is it something we need to ask for annually.

**New Business**

Next Project – refer to the small projects list that RTC already discussed

**Parsonage Street Trails**

Greg mentioned we need to check with DPW – do we need to move on this soon or can we hold off for a year. Steve to add to small project list, Sidewalk running south on Webster to Whitford Drive (need to connect to parsonage to Whitford).

### **Long Range Sidewalk/Trails**

Greg needs sections of the town that are nearest to us – sidewalk data so we can finish existing network as it is right now and then add trail information here are the gaps. Potential intern. Greg going to send document so we will be working from same starting point.

### **Community Input**

**Ned to reach out to Diane.**

### **Correspondence**

**Troop 424 campout June 12 and 13** – Bill gave an update that we need to wait. Wait until Memorial Day weekend. June 1<sup>st</sup> or second reach out to Bill.

**Next Meeting** – June 23rd at 7pm

Brendan made a motion to close the meeting at 8:37pm. Steve seconded.

Ned: aye  
Steve: aye  
Brendan: aye.