

RECREATION TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MARSHFIELD TOWN HALL

PLANNING BOARD ROOM

Minutes of meeting of December 15, 2021

Meeting CTO 7:00 pm

Ned motion to open meeting, Keith second

Attendance: Ned Bangs, Steve Goodhue, Keith Rice

Absent: Brendan Coyne

Advisors : Greg Guimond, Bill Grafton

Guests Scott DeCastro, Angela Scieszka

Friends: Mike Arsenault

Previous meeting minutes tabled.

Old Business:

Eversource Lease Agreement has been submitted

YAH signs, estimates from Brenner. URH to left of trail cul-de-sac

Keith motion, Ned Second to approve estimate for 18x 24 size. Signs are for Pratt Farm and Adelaide. Steve to get estimate for 18x24.

John Little map, Ned motion to accept changes Angela presented, Steve Second, to move forward to produce panel, unanimous

Update on Rail Trail and Bridle Path and Railroad History by Angela, work in progress. Angela suggested a working meeting to move signs along to final versions.

Updates on Horse etiquette and Rules and Regulations signs, waiting for final cost estimates.

PED Flashing Lights- working well, Ned working on a date for the unveiling

Carolina Hill- clean up was well received, many positive comments.

Chamber of Commerce organized November clean up and cutting of grass by volunteers. Positive feedback from trail users. Clean up was at Rail Trail.

Webster's Wilderness- Bill updated group on the day and success. Conservation Commission approved RTC request to install a railing over the stone wall on the

Yellow Trail. Railing to be made of natural materials, ie, standing dead cedar. Keith and Ned to coordinate work day and look for a few volunteers to assist.

Union Street Woodland-December 12 work day. Removed 2 old decaying footbridges and replaced them. 12 volunteers assisted. Many trail users thanked the crew.

New Business:

Trail Ambassadors continue to walk trails, December 17, gathering at Couch Beach , 1-4 pm. Snacks and Beverages planned. Ned will notify Trail Ambassador to apply for Senior work program, stating January 2022.

Trail Boundary signs, Ned updated committee that boundary signs will be produced by Jim Jackson, DPW

Trail Markers , Ned updated the committee, trail markers will be ordered next week. We plan to use the same vendor which Bill used to produce the colored markers.

Picnic Tables and Benches- Ned advised the committee that the high school can build and install picnic tables and or benches if we have a need.

New Member- Scott Decastro is interested in joining the RTC. Scott walks the trails, attends meetings and has helped on work days. Scott will send a letter of interest to the BOS this week.

RTC Trail Ambassador Guide Manual. Ned and Bill will work on a guide book for TA and RTC use as a guide. Look for a draft this spring.

New Trail Discussion-

Extend Rail Trail to Duxbury, Steve suggested a walk with Open Space Committee, RTC likes the idea, Steve will advise as to the day and time.

Furnace Brook Watershed- Discussion of a new trail head location in the Saint Christine Parking lot, and addition of a loop trail. Current trail head is off Rt 3 A, a very busy road with little to no shoulder to walk on. Trail head in the parking lot would offer a safe alternate to walking the mail road. Saint Christine Church officials are interested in working with the RTC to offer a safer walking experience.

Greg lead a discussion on the need to explore a new trail near the present Modera I apartment complex. RTC needs to discuss further.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 5, 2022

Motion to adjourn, Keith, second Steve, unanimous

Meeting ended at 9:00 pm

Keith Rice took meeting notes, Ned Bangs typed and submitted.