

RECREATION TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MARSHFIELD TOWN HALL

PLANNING BOARD ROOM

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm on July 13th, 2022. Keith made a motion. Ned Second. Unanimous.

IN ATTENDANCE: Steve Goodhue, Ned Bangs, Scott DeCastro, Keith Rice

Absent: Brendan Coyne

Guests: Mike Arsenault

Advisors: Bill Grafton

Old Business

> **Eversource Lease** – Finished Surplus review for Station Street and South River. Pat Brennan is working on the engineered drawings for the above locations. If no update, Ned to email Pat on Friday, 7/15. Ned will forward completed plans to Jennifer Valente, our Eversource contact.

> **Furnace Brook Watershed, New Trail** – Ned gave an update in regard to the new Furnace Brook Trail, Wetlands survey should be ready by end of week. The survey will include a new trail from Saint Christine's parking lot, 2 loops and a bench for viewing. Bill said that we will need a light duty NOI permit. Jason Zimmer is performing the work.

> **Gangway (Damon's Point)** – Mike Dimeo is getting new gangway in July. Old one will be moved to Webster Street. How to move it is the current concern. Ned will follow up with Mike.

> **NEMBA Fall mountain bike race** - Race is scheduled for Sunday, October 2. Jeff Wilson is cleaning up area. The race is planned for in the Eames Way/Carolina Hill area. The BOS, Conservation, School/Fire/Police all Good with Race. 100 slots available Jeff, estimates 50 will sign and ride.

The race is for ages 12 through adult.

Need to Confirm Gate Keys, for gates located on Eames Way. Ned will follow up on the gates and let Bill Grafton know what we need. Ned to give Jeff larger maps so the race course can be highlighted and given to police and fire, as well as to race volunteers. Ned and Jeff will reach out to horse owners to give them a heads up as to the race, date, time, area, etc.

> **Trail Ambassador work** – Couch Beach Cleanup started from South Cemetery corner worked up to Gate. Eames Way trails to 3A North west section of Carolina Hill reservation. Next week we will work on Rail Trail and Pratt Farm.

> **Rail Trail / Bridle Path map update** – At Printer, good to go, easy hand off. Keith to follow up via call to Brenner.

> **Kiosk # 8, Saint Christine Church** – Tom to start work in the fall

> **CRS - Couch Beach** –Bill said meeting currently scheduled for Aug 3rd. Is hopeful for multilayering of restrictions to property to keep preserved as is. Article 97/ orderly wilderness.

> **Pratt Farm** – Area is clear of debris, Open Space Committee voted to let the area be natural, no improvements. Driveway entrances on South River Street are blocked to vehicle traffic. RTC Trail Ambassadors will maintain the trails through the property. Historic Commission would like to place a historic marker near the Catalpa Tree.

> **Red Gold Farm** – 20 day review over, Planning Board approved and Signed Plans. Next steps?

> **Trail Vandalism**– no more has occurred. Coordinating with Conservation Department, how to paint over, paint colors etc.

> **Lifelong Learning**- was held on 6/18 6 people at Websters Wilderness 3 of which tried the use of the locally sourced hand rail

New Business:

> **Sun and Ski-** Cheryl La Pan, the Pembroke Store Director, wants to become more involved with the town trails. Ned is coordinating a clean up of the Rail Trail with some of the store staff. Some of the staff may be interested in helping with the October mountain bike race.

Community Input-

Hoyt Ambassadors possible, Ned provided a family with some information.

This meeting is to be the last one that Steve Goodhue will attend. Steve and his family are moving out of town, Steve plans to leave the RTC the last day in July. The RTC recognized the many good things that Steve brought to the table as well as the many hats he has worn.

Open Space liaison, RTC member and grant writer, Attendance tracker, Treasurer, his work with Angela and Greg Brenner. RTC will discuss the above responsibilities and how we may fill them.

Ned passed out a draft of the RTC Mission, Who we are and what we do. Ned will ask RTC to post on social media, as we need to recruit a new member or two,

Next Meeting:

RTC discussed our current meeting schedule. Committee voted to meet on Tuesday, August 9th at 7pm. All future meetings will be scheduled to the Second Tuesday of the Month.

8:12 meeting adjourned, Ned made a motion Scott second. Unanimous. Minutes made possible by Scott and Ned