

RECREATIONAL TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MARSHFIELD TOWN HALL

MEETING ROOM #2

The meeting was called to order at 7pm on May 30, 2018.

IN ATTENDANCE: Linda Cincotti, Roger Whidden, Steve Goodhue, Bert O'Donnell, Bill Grafton, Vicki McPherson, Ned Bangs and Eric Goodwin

ABSENT: Keith Rice and Brendan Coyne

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the 5/2/18 meeting was amended with the change of date under APPROVAL OF MINUTES to 4/11/18 instead of 5/2/18. With that amendment, the minutes were then approved.

OLD BUSINESS: Linda voices concerns over the targeting of the usage of OSC funds. Vicki suggests accepting the dollars and having flex usage. Linda points out that Brenner sign costs will be much more than we originally thought. Vicki will ask Karen O'Donnell as to the acceptable usage of those funds. Steve will produce a spread sheet for Karen. Steve offers to meet with her to discuss prior invoice estimate #73064 from Brenner. Steve will also ask Brenner for clarification of estimate.

Linda mentions that no contract with Brenner exists. She investigated the process in Town Hall and the contract status is in process. Bill suggests that Brenner do the contract and will ask them to do that.

Roger opens up discussion on the Rail Trail/Bridle Path. He feels strongly that the stone dust surfacing needs to be as wide as the trail can accommodate, that we need a bike/foot bridge over South River St. Engineering is necessary and we need to continue to work toward a plan for that trail and, on plans for the Pratt property and that general area. Linda emphasizes the need for subcommittees here.

Eric presents his business plan that he has discussed with Bill. Bill is open to the possibility of working out a mutually beneficial relationship between the town and private entities such as Eric's.

Ned said that the planned trail walk series got off on a good foot. The monthly walks will have enrollment through the Rec. Dep. now. Ned also informed the committee that he will be leading nature walks in October and November. He mentioned that the Chamber of Commerce would like to find a way to help out also.

Linda emphasizes that the town has no policy in place for donation/sponsorship. Ned states that there is a history of accepting and targeting monies. Linda feels our group needs to draft a plan for it.

NEW BUSINESS: Linda stated that she plans on stepping down as the chairperson, will facilitate a smooth transfer of power and that her space on the committee can taken by Eric.

Ned notes that the Cornhill Trail needs mapping and maintenance and the this trail should be the next one to work on. Steve makes a motion that the Cornhill Kiosk trailhead sign be next. That motion was unanimously approved.

Ned stated that the RR trail Geocaching has been completed by Brian Lannon. The Chamber of Commerce may support an event to promo Brian and Geocaching. Ned motioned to have the RTC also support that projected event. The committee does support the concept of geocaching but further discuss this topic at a future meeting. That was unanimously approved.

Vicki invited us to join her at future Chamber meetings that will have a focus on the center being more walker and ped powered wheeler friendly. Roger said he would like to join in on that.

Ned suggests that we check the town web regarding the RTC and come to the next meeting with possible modifications.

NEXT MEETING: 6/20/18 at Marshfield Town Hall in the Planning Board Room @ 7pm

ADJOURNMENT: 9:36pm

Submitted by Roger Whidden