

RECREATION TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of Saturday, March 12, 2022, Harbor Park, 200 Joseph Driebeek Way
Meeting CTO 9:30 am

Present: Brendan Coyne, Ned Bangs Steve Goodhue, Scott Decastro Absent:
Keith Rice

Advisor Present: Greg Guimond

Absent Absent: Bill Grafton

Friends of Present: Mike Arsenault

Guests: Angela Scieszka, Pam Keith, Mike Dimeo, (Harbor Master), Don
McAleer, (Advisory Board) Phil Hammond, John Cusick, (Board of Public
Works), Tim Laurie, Marlene Labossien, Marybeth Conroy, Ted Muir

Ned welcomed everyone for attending the on site meeting and planned walk. Harbor Master Mike Dimeo presented an overview of his plan for a trail, entrance and exit areas. The group walked along the berm of the proposed trail. During the walk there was discussion on the trail, location and plan to cut back brush along the path to allow for a easy walk. The area will not be clear cut, vegetation on the outer side of the trail will not be cut, in order to maintain a natural privacy screening. It was noted that the wet lands have been flagged, the group noted the flags. The trail will be approximately 1/2 mile in length and 6-8 feet wide, where possible. The base of the trail will be graded, stone dust will be applied and compacted to a 4-6 inch depth. It is currently planned that the entrance and exit to the trail will be graded to allow for ADA access.

There was a question regarding the old footbridge, which allowed foot and bike traffic from Taylor Marine and Bluefish Cove. Greg G. Informed the group that some Bluefish Cove residents do not want the bridge rebuilt. Also, the bridge abutment is on private property, Town would need an easement from the landowner and CPC or other funding. Bridge discussion is not part of our walk today.

Questions related to flooding in the area, and who approved the plan. Conservation Commission approved permitting and CPC is recommending funding for this project. Harbor Master Department has permission to mow the phramities in order to keep them under control.

Harbor Master informed the group that the dredge spoils sediment is on schedule to be retested for any contaminants, again.

Discussion of installation of gates at trail entrance and exit in order to prohibit vehicles from driving on the planned trail. Gates are not currently part of the plan, but could be included. Harbor Master department would also help with regular maintenance of the area.

Next Steps:

RTC will discuss the walk at our next meeting, currently planned for Wednesday,

April 13. A list of questions/comments will be sent to the Harbor Master, upon response to the questions/ comments the RTC will plan on meeting and vote to support or not support the plan.

project prior to Town Meeting. Town Meeting voters will make the final decision regarding project approval or not.

Ned asked for a motion to adjourn, second by Steve. Motion or adjourn 10:30 am