RECREATIONAL TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MARSHFIELD TOWN HALL
PLANNING BOARD ROOM

The meeting was called to order at 7:21 pm on November 13th, 2019.

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

ABSENT: Eric Goodwin

GUESTS: Angela Scieszka

Brendan motioned to start the meeting and Steve seconded; vote unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the RTC 10/9/19 meeting were read. Ned made one change, correcting “Judy” to “Judi”; Steve mentioned that the word “Bridal” should be “Bridle” was spelled wrong. Brendan made a motion to accept, Ned seconded.

VENDOR UPDATE: Angela presented on progress of the map design and concept approach to her design. Multiple maps with a theme (common theme) feel, and presentation giving the committee options and ideas for final map designs.

BRIDLE PATH/RAIL TRAIL: Ned spoke about the community outreach meetings held in October. There were 3 scheduled meetings: 10/7 at the maritime building, 10/17 at Seth Ventress was cancelled due to a power outage, and 10/24 at the Seth Ventress Building. Very positive meetings; community members were able to voice concerns and ask questions, and were also encouraged to give input.

DCR UPDATE: Steve spoke about meeting with Amanda Lewis at DCR. The state wants all of the grant paperwork in order before the end of the calendar year. Easement from Eversource in grant submission; DCR wants the letter. DCS concerned about how stonedust is purchased, and who/how it is procured. If procured through DPW, then DCR process much more simplified.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Ned spoke about the final planned hike for the year, 11/16/19 at 10 am. Plans for more monthly hikes next year. More people, more hikes, and more fun – positive feedback from community. Trail maintenance (Senior Tax Relief); great progress, 129 hours over the course of 2019 put into trail maintenance; fantastic progress.
CONSERVATION COORDINATION: Bill spoke on the importance of “Conservation Stewards,” who can patrol or monitor trails for down trees or any potential problems on our trail systems.

MEMBER/ADVISOR UPDATES: Community member raised a concern about plowing the BP/RT after snow storms. After discussion, Ned made the motion not to plow except where the DPW and Water Dept. need access. Steve, second. Unanimous. Ned spoke of the Committee’s lack of success attracting new members, and that we restructure the committee as a 5 member committee, down from 7 members. As a procedural tool it would allow more flexibility. Ned made a motion to send a letter to selectmen for the request, and Brendan seconded. Unanimous.

Steve made a motion to adjourn, Keith seconded. Unanimous.

NEXT MEETING: 12/18/19 at Marshfield Town Hall in the Planning Board Room @ 7 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:14 pm Submitted by Keith Rice