

Minutes

Danvers Rail Trail Advisory Committee

September 20, 2018

Attendees:

RTAC Members: Paul McNulty, Nancy McNulty, Joe Anthony, Larry Perrault, Charles Lincicum, Lori Dupont, Scott Bornstein, Matthew Duggan, Bill Graham. Quorum established

Others: Tyler Berry, Cheryl George, T.R. Ramsdell, Sarah Bornstein, Erin Schaeffer, Mark Jones, Aaron Horowitz

New Business;

Comments from public- Cheryl George updated progress on DHS Biology class sign for Putnamville Park with tentative drawings. Cheryl will connect with TR to discuss his designer. Assuming the final design is close to what we reviewed, the RTAC is fine with Cheryl proceeding.

Matt noted that Selectmen are updating the code of conduct, which will be reviewed at next meeting.

RTAC projects for DPW- Paul to update a list of projects to review with the town. Charley suggested items to add including adding hot top to eroding trail entrances; need to replace tractor in 1-2 years; the need for a new place to store our equipment down the road. Paul will email list to committee to review prior to reviewing with the Town.

Current/Recent Business:

Rail Trail Extension project – no new update

DPW Repairs to Washouts/Crossings- Paul has discussed with Aaron and will update as part of the RTAC Projects for DPW in Oct.

Prince St. parking on trail – ongoing efforts between Aaron, the DPW and property owners on this subject. Erin has been made aware of this item. The ultimate goal is no cars driving on the trail and no more plowing across the trail. Paul to provide Erin with copies of our efforts in this area.

Pickering St. Crossing – the RTAC asked about the possibility of berms or paddle to be installed in spring. Erin to ask town about berms.

Coolidge entrance – Erin suggested putting earth & berm installation in spring to be put on list for town.

Pedestrian sign at Pickering St. – Danvers Traffic Advisory Committed approved the use of pedestrian paddle by the RTAC. The group agreed we hold until spring and check again.

The Danvers Rail Trail Advisory Committee is a Town Manager appointed committee of nine volunteers with broad representation from the community. Work done by this committee and other volunteer enthusiasts is funded through donations and sponsorships. RTAC focus is to provide residents a safe and pleasant recreational environment well suited for non-motorized activities such as walking, jogging, and biking.

Finances:

Recap of July 4 race – TR: All bills have been paid with a net profit of \$ 2909.00, of which one half will be donated to the RTAC. TR mentioned that he is looking for additional sponsors for next year's run to offset expenses further.

Fundraising: Laura is working on several ideas in addition to Mile Marker renewals and additions.

501c3 update – Larry:

Current operating balance is still \$ 13, 984.29.

Trail extension contributions - \$1k from Putnam Pantry.

Larry suggested a 9-month CD for the \$20k Lahey contribution. The RTAC agreed to a 9-month CD.

Discussion of separate account for other contributions toward extension. Paul moved, Scott seconded, all agreed; Larry will set up the account.

Invoice for \$709.00 for mobile app hosting approved with Matt moving and Joe seconding the motion to pay.

New Business:

Joe reported that the Hobart potty is in good shape; the company cleans twice weekly.

Paul has received a request from Town Hall to participate in the upcoming town-wide open house on October 11. We would man a table with info and handouts to promote the Trail. All agreed it is a good idea. Paul will facilitate.

Nancy moved, and Paul seconded motion to accept August minutes; all approved

Next meeting set for October 18; November will be on the 15th. Place TBD

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm