

**Minutes  
Rail Trail Advisory Committee Meeting  
May 16, 2019**

**Attendees:**

RTAC Members: Paul McNulty, Nancy McNulty, Joe Anthony, Larry Perrault, Mathew Duggan, Scott Bornstein, Charlie Lincicum. Quorum was established

Others: Aaron Henry, Mark Jones, Bill Graham, Sarah Bornstein, Danielle Ferraro, Nathaniel Sears, Jessica Bouchard, Cianna Ferraro, Tabitha Sears.

**New Business:**

**No comments from the public**

**Family Bike Day with Family Festival**

Joe informed RTAC that we could help Kiwanis at their bike day on June 29. We discussed having a table set up with Rail Trail marketing materials. Matt will represent the trail, as well as briefing the public regarding bike safety. Bill Graham will attend as well to service bikes.

**Peter Hinchey offer to help**

Paul informed RTAC that Peter Hinchey will help with cleanup. Peter will have a skid loader and pickup truck at the site. He will be available for one month. Paul will work on a date.

**Holten Richmond Middle School project opportunities**

Jessica Bouchard a teacher at the middle school presented her plan for the Hobart rest area project. They generously have raised \$740.39 and are willing to donate a trash barrel to help with trash overflow. Nancy will oversee this project. Paul is expecting the 2 benches in 1 week and the picnic table to be installed in July with help from Charlie, Paul and Scott. Aaron will check into having the HRMS students present their project at an upcoming selectmen's meeting.

**Current Business:**

**Recap Earth Day Cleanup Saturday April 27**

Charlie noted that he has some Balsam Furs remaining. Aaron noted pallets at west-side north of the dentist office need to be removed. Aaron is working with the new home owner to have the pallets removed.

**Medtronic volunteer status June 28**

Paul noted along the rail trail South Peabody line off Lowell Street is in need of cleanup and this could be good for the Medtronic crew. Charley, Scott, Bill, and Matt will meet with the Medtronic team on 6/28 to help get them started.

**Rail Tail Logoed reusable bags**

Larry gave an update regarding the bags. 250 foldable bags total price will be \$826.50 including 2 logos, 1 on each side, logos will be multicolored. Paul motioned it, Matt seconded, all approved spending up to \$550. Mark Jones (Meade Design) has agreed to donate \$300 to this project. Larry to provide an update at our next meeting.

**Update on fences and trash pickup at Hobart lot**

Joe developed estimates for fencing across from the potty area. Costs run about \$1,500 to \$2,000 for chain link fencing. We agreed to evaluate the need for fencing after the benches and tables are installed.

**Rail Trail Extension Project and Grant Application Update**

Aaron updated RTAC. MA grant application results are expected in June. There is a warrant article planned for Town Meeting vote for \$10,000 to support the possible acceptance of a \$300,000 State of MA grant. Land survey is to be completed in June. Final cost \$100,000.00.

**Status of RTAC projects requested for Town of Danvers support FY 19 and FY 20**

Aaron updated RTAC. In April, DPW touched up washouts with mixed results due to some staffing changes, and noted more asphalt may be needed. Currently, dentist office location needs the most washout repairs as drain is off by about 6". Stabilized stone dust instead of tar is the preferred material according to the ADA. 3.5 and 3.7 areas are in need of repairs. Structure at the pond is gone. Aaron will get specs for stabilized stone dust. Once we have these, Paul will call a contractor for these repairs.

**RTAC trail maintenance and improvement projects- new, planned, completed. See status attached.**

Overall, looks good. Danvers Electric will be conducting a survey for vegetation control in July, so volunteers will be needed.

**Friends of Danvers Rail Trail Finance Update:**

**501c3 Finance update**

Larry updated RTAC. At the request of the Town of Danvers, the FDRT will take over managing the remaining SwampWalk funds (about \$2,000). This will be an administrative function. Bob Brown is managing SwampWalk maintenance and will use these funds to support repairs.

George Saluto approves of this approach. Larry has set up a separate SwampWalk account at Beverly Bank. Aaron will have the town transfer the funds to the FDRT.

**Fund raising-renewing and new sponsor updates.**

Larry, T.R., and RTAC encouraged all to seek out new sponsors, car dealerships especially for Summer Sizzler. All RTAC members are asked to solicit sponsors for this event.

**Approval of minutes from April 18 2019 meeting**

Matt moved, Nancy seconded, and minutes were unanimously approved.

**Set next meeting date**

June 20, 2019