

Minutes
Rail Trail Advisory Committee Meeting
June 20, 2019

Attendees:

RTAC Members: Paul McNulty, Nancy McNulty, Joe Anthony, Larry Perrault, Mathew Duggan, Scott Bornstein, Charlie Lincicum, Mathew Duggan, Larry Perrault, Lori DuPont. Not in attendance Laura Cilley and Aaron Henry.

Others: Mark Jones, Bill Graham, Sarah Bornstein, Bob Brown, George Saluto, Karen Wagner, T.R. Ramsdell, Tom Baldwin,

New Business

No comments from the public

In addition, RTAC app is effective, we gained a new enthusiast!

Citizen question/ concern about public parking at Agway

Paul spoke to planning, nothing to report now. Aaron to follow up at next meeting.

George Saluto SwampWalk Update

George Saluto (builder of Swamp Walk) graciously offered to attend and incorporate his story into our meeting. George noted the SwampWalk has been a successful build project. Several notebooks with records, pictures and news articles spanning the swamp walk's creation was donated to the archives. Paul suggested creating an electronic version of these records.

New "shed" potties

Joe discussed a newer options for the Hobart Street lot. First was to lease a more visually pleasing potty that has a cabin look. These particular potties are not available as handicap accessible and would require a different vendor. The cost would remain the same. The committee agreed to not change firms for shed style potty this year.

A second idea is to have a shed constructed that would resemble a railway switching shed and place a potty inside for seasonal use. This is the more expensive option and would most likely need fund raising. Bob and Charley agreed to investigate this option more carefully for review at an upcoming meeting

Committee members

Laura has resigned. RTAC nominated Mark Jones for committee member. Paul to inform Town Manager all committee members are comfortable with this decision and ask for the Town Managers approval. RTAC voted yes and all in favor for nomination.

Current Business/ Recent Business

Medtronic volunteer status June 28

Paul noted last years' cleanup project went well, this year to be the same procedure. Charley, Bill, Matt, and Scott will meet Medtronic and escort to vegetation issues along the trail.

Peter Hinchey offer to help

Peter Hinchey is ready to assist with skid loader/ bucket loader, being available entire month of June. A few continuous drainage/ existing muck issues were noted. Paul to follow up with Peter.

Pallet removal near dentist office behind 7 Abbott Rd.

Aaron, not present and to follow up on pallet removal at next meeting in August.

Rail Trail Extension Project and Grant Application Update

Aaron, not present and to follow up at next meeting in August.

Update on fences and trash pickup at Hobart Lot

Paul reminded the group that we will not install a fence in this area and will evaluate things this summer once the benches and tables are installed. Paul confirmed Middle School fundraising status to RTAC. \$740.39 has generously been raised so far to fund a trash barrel, with fundraising goal originally being \$500.00. More on this to follow at next RTAC meeting.

RTAC trail projects-new, planned completed, see status attached

Charlie reported @ 2.6 a new metal portable AM ramp at water crossing, and that this might be an option for other locations Charlie noted \$300.00 is required for tractor repairs. Bob will donate blades. All dollars approved unanimously for tractor repairs by the committee. Lastly, Paul noted @ 1.3 (Prentiss Landscaping), tire tracks /cuttings on and next to the trail. Paul to follow up with Aaron on this and other trail projects.

Friends of Danvers Rail Trail Finance Update

501c3 Finance Update

Larry noted all potty bills paid with an existing balance of \$20, 503.00.

Rail Trail Logoed reusable grocery bags

Larry noted 250 bags shipped. RTAC briefly discussed logoed bags along with other RTAC merchandise being available for the public at Oldies Night, along with a \$5.00 donation to trail if possible.

Fund Raising - renewing and new sponsor updates

Paul noted Oldies Night Wednesday, June 26 / bike day being June 29 @ YMCA. Mark to confirm with Cheryl James that RTAC will need table/ chairs. Charlie also has left over trees for the public to have. T.R noted Summer Sizzler July 4 /some sponsors have been confirmed and is appreciative for good volunteers. Paul to send enthusiast list via e-mail for sponsorship reminders. T.J noted, arrival time 7:30am / check-in @ DHS.

Approval of minutes from May 16

All approved, meeting adjourned until Thursday August 15. Paul noted an informal get together.