

**Minutes**  
**Rail Trail Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**January 23, 2020**  
**6:00 pm: Danvers Community Access Television**  
**87 Elm Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Danvers MA 01923**

**Attendees:**

RTAC Members: In attendance: Paul McNulty, Nancy McNulty, Scott Bornstein, Joe Anthony, Mark Jones, Larry Perreault, Lori Dupont, Mathew Duggan – quorum established. Not in attendance: Charley Lincicum.

Others: Aaron Henry, Sarah Bornstein, T.R. Ramsdell, Karen Wagner, Bob Brown, Paul Krisko, Margaret Bailey, Diane Langlais

**New Business**

RTAC Welcomed Paul Krisko (new enthusiast).

Matt noted concerns regarding prospective new housing project at 141 Pine St (abuts the trail) and encouraged RTAC members to attend Monday's ZBA meeting. Aaron noted new project, with 29 proposed one bedroom apartments, is planned with additional green space, and should not drain onto trail.

Paul noted trail erosion at Meninno's where water pools in their parking lot and runs across the landscaping, the across the trail, and into Crane River. Paul to provide more info to Aaron and Georgia on this.

**No comments from the public**

No comments made.

**Current /Recent Business**

**First Day Walk recap/comments**

RTAC noted two recap items; 80 people attended the First Day Walk 2020 and picnic bench was a good meeting spot for this. Plan to have again next year.

**Chocolate Walk**

Nancy noted Chocolate Walk will be Saturday, Feb. 15 @ 11:00 am /help needed @ crossings. Putnam Pantry will donate chocolate goodies. RTAC will provide hot chocolate. Nancy will check with DSH volunteers for baked goods and e-mail info to RTAC members and enthusiasts confirming plans for the day.

**Update on addressing the Maple Street Church cut-through issue**

Paul discussed a new landscaping project for cut-through issue at Maple Street Church. New project could entail a newly landscaped trail path for beautifying area as well redirecting foot traffic away from the new site. Some items/ options for discussion were; apply stone dust to better guide trail users, move bike art to left side, shift trail to East side of the large grey sign pole, Bob suggested sidewalk foot prints for guiding along new proposed trail, 30' split rail fence, 2 pedestrian crossing signs to improve visibility from the trail at the cross walk in front of church. Paul to price project, send info to the RTAC prior to the February RTAC meeting, when we might possibly vote on funding.

**Update on northwest extension project**

Aaron noted complete survey work is completed, VHB quote for bridge detailed design to come soon.

## **Major Projects and Grant Writing Focus for 2020**

**MM 3.6 flooding:** Paul noted more work than expected to fix flooding areas @ MM 3.6, and we will not be able to apply for a MassTrails grant this year. Joe noted a land survey is required, which can then be used to develop a design plan for contractors to use. Joe presented a picture of the area to RTAC for viewing. Joe is working on this and noted that a survey estimate could be up to \$3500. Joe to circulate survey proposal to the RTAC, which should review the proposal and be prepared to vote on the spending at the February RTAC meeting. Paul to follow up with town contractors if spending approved.

**Replacement mower:** At the December meeting, Bob and Charlie notified RTAC that a new mower is likely needed (current mower is 8 years old, was out of commission a number of times in 2019, and need about \$1500 in repairs). Bob, Charley, and Paul to do more research regarding the new mower. Information/justification for a replacement mower will be circulated to the RTAC for review. Plan is to vote on spending at our next meeting.

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

### **Mile marker fund raising- initial response and USPS mailing update**

Larry noted 34 letters sent by USPS mail on 1/22. 33 renewals have been received so far from the email campaign.

The committee thanked Margaret and John Bailey for their very generous donation of \$2,000 to the Friends of the Danvers Rail Trail. This donation was made as part of the Baileys pledge to match donations from all new donors in 2019.

### **501c3 Finance update**

Larry noted 501c3 operating checking account balance is \$30,979.

### **Approval of minutes from December 19, 2019**

Paul motioned, Joe seconded, and all approved minutes.

### **Set next meeting – February 20, 2020?**

All approved next meeting date.

MM 3.6 area prone to flooding.

