

Minutes
Rail Trail Advisory Committee Meeting
June 18, 2020
Location: Conducted by Remote Participation

Attendees:

RTAC Members: Paul McNulty, Nancy McNulty, Joe Anthony, Scott Bornstein, Mark Jones, Larry Perreault, Lori Dupont, Mathew Duggan

Others: Sarah Bornstein, Georgia Pendergast, Bob Brown

Executive Order on Remote Participation & Remote Conduct for Open Meetings (Paul)

Paul began meeting by introducing protocols for these types of meetings and reading the “Executive Order on Remote Participation & Remote Conduct for Open Meetings”

New Business

Comments from public and RTAC

RTAC noted positive comments from public. Paul briefly talked about porta potty install to confirm the importance of following all rules and regulations. Georgia to consult with town for install and Larry to follow up with United Site Services on how they work during Covid-19. Funding to be discussed.

Shed at 32 Hobart Street (intersection new and current trail)

Georgia note that Danvers Electric and Engineering are okay with a shed in this area and noted zoning regulations do not apply. DPW will want final review over the design and materials. Charley, with Bob will do further investigation on contents and design for review in July. Bob noted some benefits of a container install.

**Trail mowing 6/29-7/3 (about 7:00 am – 3:00 pm), starting at the Peabody/ Danvers line
And make their way north. Volunteer guides?**

Danvers Electric annual vegetation management will be done by Mayer Landscaping (mowing), set to begin 6/ 29, 7:00am-3:00pm. RT volunteer guides needed for ½ day slots. Paul to send out email for sign ups. Mark will post info on the RT website and mobile app.

Current/ Recent Business

Review plans area around MM 3.6 and general surface repairs (Joe)

Joe confirmed meeting with Frazer Construction and their willingness to do some clearing in the area at no charge. Joe explained that after the debris clearing work, \$500 for stone dust application to repair and grade the east side of RT is doable. Paul motioned, all approved spending up to \$500 for the stone dust. ConCom is okay with the work as long as we work only in the trail and trail right of way.

Joe has started and will continue defining where we need to do other surface repairs.

Review plans and budget for addressing the Maple St. Church cut-through (Paul)

Paul noted church is in favor of adding a split-rail fence and some loam/seed but not in favor of adding plantings (to much other maintenance to property). RTAC noted basic plan; add 50 ft of split rail fence along the plot boundaries, grass seed /guide signs. We can then evaluate how this fencing work in keeping pedestrians off the grass and if needed add more fence in the future. These materials will cost about \$1000, the church will fund \$200. Installation will be done by RT and Church volunteers. Joe has

had DigSafe come and mark the area (its fine). Paul motioned, all approved spending \$800 for this project.

Mower delivery and training, general trail cleanup (All)

Charlie took out the new mower and felt it worked quite well. He noted, ½ throttle needed when crowded. We should plan to mow after next rain to minimize dust. Mower is stored towards the back of the North Putnam Forestry lot.

A number of RT volunteers walked the trail before we did the mowing to remove any debris and trash from the sidings.

Update on Northwest Extension Project (Georgia)

More information to follow at next meeting.

Friends of Danvers Rail Trail Finance Update

Mile Marker fund raising - response and USPS mailing updates (Larry and All)

Larry noted new mile marker sponsor /new donation for \$100.00. Renewal mailings to 20 people completed.

501c3 Finance Update (Larry)

Larry noted checking account balance to be \$30,282.93 after lawnmower purchase.

Approval of minutes from February 20 meeting

Paul motioned, all approved.

Set next meeting date – July 16, 2020?

Paul motioned, all approved for a probable meet outside @ next meeting.