

Minutes
Rail Trail Advisory Committee Meeting
March 18, 2021

Location: Conducted by Remote Participation

Attendees:

RTAC Members: Paul McNulty, Nancy McNulty, Scott Bornstein, Mark Jones, Joe Anthony, Mathew Duggan, Charley Lincecum, Larry Perreault. Not in attendance: Tom Powers

Others: Aaron Henry, Sarah Bornstein, Maureen Bernard, Lori Dupont, Josh Morris

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

Paul began meeting by introducing protocols for these types of meetings.

Approval of minutes from February 18, 2021 meeting

Paul initiated comments/ questions regarding February 18, 2021 meeting minutes. No questions or comments. Paul motioned, all approved minutes.

New Business

Comments from public and RTAC

Public comments; there were no comments from the public noted.

Aaron informed RTAC of some staff changes: Josh Morris (Danvers Principal Planner) and Aaron will both work as RTAC liaisons, as regrettably, Georgia will no longer be staffing RTAC, as her time is needed elsewhere. In the meantime, Josh and Aaron will be working with recreation for the hopes of renewing relationship with Tyler Berry (RTAC enjoyed relationship in the past). RTAC welcomed Josh Morris!

Update/status of culvert repair at MM. 1.7 (Aaron)

Josh spoke on Georgia's behalf; hello's to all; culvert reconstruction to be completed by end of March; steel culvert had collapsed and fell in on itself. Steel pipe lining had reached its' end of life, repair project expected to cost up to \$300,000. RTAC noted resurfacing should be consistent with other stone dust surface on the trail after culvert repair. Charlie recommended K&R Construction for the resurfacing. Paul to follow up with Aaron and Josh to ensure resurfacing issues are thought through. Paul and Aaron to discuss in separate meeting with Josh.

Agree spring projects and ideally owners - e.g., Potty's, Earth Day clean up, pedestrian paddle installation, snow stake removal, shed status and installation, more... (All)

Paul initiated items for discussion and RTAC approval regarding spring cleanups: **Potty installs** at Hobart and Putnamville Park; Aaron confirmed state guidelines, allow pottys. Paul initiated vote to agree the committee wants to install and maintain two pottys, all approved. Larry Perreault will confirm costs and timing at our next meeting. **Earth Day cleanup**: One day community event to clean up the trail. The group discussed and agreed a cleanup day make sense, and suggested Sunday April 25 for the

work. - all approved. **Other spring cleanup activities:** Paul to install Pedestrian Paddle at Pickering St crossing and remove the snow stakes at the church and dentist office. **Shed install:** Charlie confirmed shed install for late May. Charlie to orchestrate shed install procedures.

Current /Recent Business

Follow up on Yoga on the Trail idea (tentative, Terri Moody)

Follow up information has not been provided at this time.

Follow up on possible bench or bike repair donation from Electric Insurance. (Paul)

Paul note that Electric Insurance would like to fund a bike repair station - \$1900 -\$2000. The bike repair station to be installed simultaneously with shed install. Paul initiated questions and comments; all noted many thanks to Electric Insurance for their generous donation in remembrance of their close friend and colleague.

Update on northwest extension project and public input session. (Georgia and or/Aaron)

Aaron spoke on Georgia's behalf. Aaron confirmed, the town has secured adequate funding for the initial phases of the extension and noted some specifics plans prior to project begin. Preconstruction plans to begin June 21 and then continue for the next few months. Aaron confirmed that will not be any costs for logistics of Danvers Electric de-energizing/energizing utility lines. Project to be advertised soon. Aaron to confirm bridge install logistics at future meetings. Paul and Aaron to set up separate meeting to review more logistics of the extension (signs, markers, etc.).

Friends of Danvers Rail Trail Finance Update

Fundraising (Larry and all)

Larry noted; not much spending during the winter months, one new donation. Larry will manage a USPS renewal mailing to current mile marker sponsors.

Set next meeting date – Thursday, April 25 2021?

Nancy motioned, all approved and all adjourned.