

Minutes
Rail Trail Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday January 19, 2023- 6:00 PM
Updated Location: Endicott Park, Carriage House Conference Room.

The Public is invited to attend. Contact info@danversrailtrail.org for more information

Attendees:

RTAC Members: Paul McNulty, Nancy McNulty, Mark Jones, Larry Perrault, Joe Anthony. Not Present: Tom Powers, Matt Duggan, , Scott Bornstein, Charles Lincecum.

Others: Tyler Berry, TR Ramsdell

Approval of minutes from November 17, 2022 RTAC meeting

Paul motioned; all approved the minutes.

New Business

Comments from public and RTAC

- The committee passed on its thanks to the town for doing such a great job repairing the trail surface and improving drainage north of Wenham Street.
- **Chocolate Walk.** The group agreed to run the Chocolate Walk again this year. The last time we did this was 2020. We selected Saturday February 18 at 11:00 am, meet at the Hobart Lot. The committee approved spending up to \$200 on chocolate, although Nancy and Paul will try to get it donated. Tyler Berry offered to get canisters of hot chocolate from DHS.
- **Senior Rebate for Volunteering on the Trail:** Larry explained that Middleton offer senior citizens a rebate on their property taxes if they volunteer in Middleton. 105 hours secures a \$1,450 rebate on property taxes. For example, volunteers do trash pickup on the Middleton trails. Larry will look further into this Danvers and the RTAC.
- Mark raised a question about access to the trail extension via College Pond Road. He will look into it with the town.
- TR Ramsdell asked about e-Bikes on the trail, wondering if they are allowed as they have motors. The RTAC explained that new MA regulations define Class 1 and Class 2 e-Bikes as non-motorized.

Current Recent Business

Mile Marker Renewal Mailing

- Larry and Mark have completed the first round of renewal emails. So far \$1,850 has been paid.

Update from the town (Tyler)

- Extension:
 - Tyler noted that the stone dust surface for Phase 3 of the extension (Lahey Clinic area to the Middleton trail at the town line) has been completed. Still some work to be done ensuring the surface is compacted. Tyler to follow up.
 - The stone dust surface between the current trail and Maple Street will be done this spring.
 - Maple St to Nichols surface work still being planned.
 - Nichols to Hathorne (traversing Rt 95 and Rt 1 overpasses) - primary design ready in 1 year. MA DOT has begun surveying the area.

- Town to address stone dust washing out at Pickering St crossing (south side) this spring
- Paul and Tyler will work together to review the major projects requiring town support.

Reminder for early 2023 meetings

- Defining the Extension name, Mile Markers, Kiosks, other signs – Paul follow up with Danvers
- Sign for addressing e-Bike speeding and courtesy – move to 2023 for discussion – Tom Powers
- Planter program (Mark)
- Markings on Putnamville Park bridge

Friends of Danvers Rail Trail Finance Update

Account Update (Larry)

- Larry moved our CD into a higher interest bearing account
- Larry will begin work on our 2022 taxes in February

Set next meeting date and location

- February 16, 6:00 pm, Endicott Park, Carriage House Conference Room

Adjourning

- Meeting adjourned at 6:45.