

Minutes
Rail Trail Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday March 16, 2023- 6:00 PM
Location: Carriage House, Endicott Park

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, Scott Bornstein, Tom Powers. Not Present; Charles Lincecum, Matt Duggan.

Others: Tyler Berry, Sarah Bornstein, Elaine Cidzik, Bob Brown, Dan Broderick, Sherry Armatige, Hunter Finn from Western Cycle

Approval for Minutes from February 16, 2023 RTAC Meeting

Mark motioned; and all approved the minutes.

New Business

Comments from public and RTAC

- Mark noted a complimentary email from The Friends of Lake Sunapee RT noting - they love our trail!
- Sherry from the Middleton Rail Trail noted that Danvers Rail Trail is an inspiration to them.
- Tyler noted; he has completed some repairs; replaced various rotting boards around the Swamp Walk. More boards on reserve for future repairs.

Committee member reappointment (Tyler)

- Tyler mentioned some committee members are up for reappointment. All members requiring reappointment agreed to be reappointed at the meeting.

Danvers 7- Miler Sunday, 4/16, 10:00 am start time at Pine Street (Tapley Park)- volunteers?

- Ashley Steeves, a Trail Sponsor runs this. She has asked for guides to direct traffic during the race.
- Paul will circulate the race info Rail Trail volunteers and encourage the contact Ashley Steeves directly if they can help out.

Western Cycle weekly food truck idea (Hunter Finn)

- Hunter spoke on Jamie's behalf. He joined us tonight to propose their food truck idea.
 - Truck location planned on the Western Cycle lot, adjacent Lummus Street.
 - Place picnic tables and bench using the 10 foot area between the trail and Western Cycle
 - Purpose: community function for gathering and dining outside. And a draw to the shop.
 - Timing: Proposing, June 1- Aug 31, mid-day to evening
 - Western Cycle will secure any needed approvals from the town.
- The RTAC likes the idea and is willing to help out.
- Joe, Hunter and Jamie will put together a plan, including any funds or work requested from the Friends of Danvers Rail Trail.

- Tyler will notify Danvers Electric and handle any particulars.
- Western Cycle has been a great supporter to the Rail Trail, Thank you!

Dates and prices for seasonal potties

- Larry circulated handouts on pricing which will be reviewed/approved by the FDRT.
- Locations same as last year – Hobart parking lot and Putnamville Park. ADA compliant potties.
- All agreed with a plan for United Sites Services to install on April 15 and remove October 31
- Site prep will be needed – Paul and Nancy to organize that.
- Volunteer checks schedule will remain very similar to last year. Mark to manage.

Current Recent Business

Chocolate Walk recap and comments (All)

- RTAC noted perfect weather conditions! About 40 people attended.

Earth Day Clean Up plans- Saturday April 22 (all)

- Earth Day Clean Up will be a town wide event.
- Trail cleanup details: 9:00 am arrival at Hobart Lot. Depending on the number of volunteers, groups will be sent to various locations to clean up (possibly on the extension as well). Most RTAC members plan to join that day
- Paul to email “Enthusiasts” looking for volunteers.
- Final plans at our April 20 RTAC meeting.

Update from the town - e.g. Pickering Crossing, northwest extension, etc (Tyler)

- Surface repairs at the Cut (3.6) completed. Town still plans to add riprap to ditches on sides of the surface. Surface holding up well after the heavy rains.
- Extension:
 - Large Purchases are done.
 - Phase 1A (Hobart St. to Maple St.); Aqualine is waiting for the ground to firm up and will be back out this spring. Current grant will be used to finish (add stone dust) from new bridge to Route 62 as well as Hobart St. Crossing
 - Phase 1B (Maple St. to Nicholas St) ADA compliant ramp off of Route 62 will be a challenge. Town will develop plans.
 - Phase 2 (Nicholas St. to Hathorne Ave.); VHB is working on this section of the extension in concert with MassDOT
 - Phase 3 (Lahey to Middleton line); washout in stone dust noted, contractors to fix, Aaron hoping not chronic. Phase 3 grant is expiring 6/30/23.
 - Paul, Mark, and Scott to confirming mile marker and trail entrance sign content with the town, and then back to the RTAC.
- More to follow at the next meeting.

Reminder for April 2023 meeting

- Defining the Extension name, Mile Markers, Kiosks, other signs- Paul to follow up with Danvers in May.
- Sign for addressing e-Bike speeding and courtesy (Tom Powers)
- Markings on Putnamville Park Bridge (Elaine)

Adjourn RTAC

- Paul initiated a vote to adjourn RTAC Meeting; All in favor.

Set meeting date and location

- April 20, 6:00 pm, Carriage House

Minutes:
Friends of Danvers Rail Trail
Thursday March 16, 2023- 6:00 PM
Location: Carriage House, Endicott Park

Attendees:

FDRT Members: Paul McNulty (president), Sarah Bornstein (secretary), Larry Perrault (treasurer), Nancy McNulty, Mark Jones, Joe Anthony, Scott Bornstein, Tom Powers, Elaine Cidzik. Not Present; Charles Lincecum, Karen Wagner

Background: While all FDRT work is focused on the Danvers Rail Trail, it is in fact a distinct organization from the RTAC. The FDRT leads fund raising and spending activities for projects on the trail, as well related topics.

Mile Marker Renewal Mailing status

- Nine more payments in from donations. About \$7,500 received for 2023 so far.
- To save money, USPS physical letters were sent out only after e-mail are sent, and only to non-renewers.

Dates and prices for seasonal potties

- Larry circulated handouts r.e. pricing - United Sites Services forecast for two ADA compliant potties to be about \$4,200, about \$100 more than 2022.
- Includes two cleanings per week.
- Spending was approved. Paul will send a letter to the Select Board noting the FDRT donation.

Status of new sponsor MM Decals (Scott)

- 2 are in production. 2 replacements were needed.
- MM 0.0 is broken and needs replair

Bylaws and membership

- Paul circulated the Bylaws to all committee members for all to approve. No comments or concerns were noted. All approved the Bylaws.
- Next steps; will be to select two additional officers (Vice President and Assistant Treasurer), and ensure best way for the town, RTAC, and FDRT to work together.

Account Update (Larry)

- Larry noted; \$39,837 in operating account.

2022 Tax Preparation Plans (Larry)

- Larry noted 2022 Tax Preparation is in the works and going well.

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- Paul initiated vote; all approved and agreed on location