

Minutes

Rail Trail Advisory Committee Meeting

Updated Time: Thursday, February 16, 2023- 6:00 PM

Updated Location: Endicott Park, Carriage House Conference Room Danvers.

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

Attendees:

- **RTAC Members:** Paul McNulty, Nancy McNulty, Mark Jones, Larry Perrault, Scott Bornstein, Joe Anthony, Matt Duggan. **Not in attendance:** Charles Lincecum, Tom Powers
- **Others:** Tyler Berry, Bob Brown, Elaine Cidzik, Sarah Bornstein, Barbara Santorella

Approval of minutes from January 19, 2023 RTAC meeting

Joe requested a change to note type of e-Bikes MA allowed. Minutes were amended, and Mark motioned; all approved the amended minutes.

New Business

Comments from public and RTAC

- Paul and RTAC welcomed Barbara Santorella (an avid RT enthusiast) to our meeting tonight.
 - Barbara loves the extension to Middleton, and happy to help out.
- Paul announced he will be stepping down as Chair in about April. He would like to continue with the committee, not just as Chair. Many thank yous to Paul for 10 years!
 - Detail plans with town to follow at next meeting.

Earth Day Cleanup- Saturday, April 22

- Clean up will be 9am- 12pm on 4/22. This will be part of a Danvers-wide Earth Day event.
- Paul initiated brief discussion for group leader, which Tyler agreed to do.
- Mark, Paul and Tyler will work on details and communications.

Citizen question regarding if extension is open and signs.

- Tyler noted; that much of the extension is passable, but not officially open.
- Tyler also noted that construction in two areas (north of Lahey and the Bridge at Beaver Brook) has been completed, although still waiting for official sign off.

Citizen comment regarding a car on the trail

- Mark noted a citizen comment from RT website; a car entered RT at Western Cycle and turned headed north, then turned around.
- Paul noted earlier discussions on this general topic and the challenges of minimizing cars on the trail balanced with emergency vehicle access. Also noted that there have not been any accidents due to cars on the trail over the past 10 years.
- Mark to follow up with DPD and DFD on prevention strategies.
- Tyler will put a few cones at Western Cycle to help clarify cars should not enter the trail.

Current Recent Business

February 18 Chocolate Walk Preparation

- Chocolate walk; to start at Hobart lot at 11:00 am. RTAC should arrive about 10:45
- Plan is to head north- round trip 3 miles.
- Tyler will get canisters for hot chocolate, deliver to Nancy, who will boil the water.

- Mark will note on website.
- Paul will bring Putnam Pantry chocolates, donation jar and extra vests.

Mile Marker Renewal mailing status

- Larry noted, great job with renewals so far via email. \$4,400 of renewals.
- 42 letters to go out via USPS.
- Mark noted; mm 0.0 is cracked and broken. Will add to work list.
- Thanks to Mark for getting out all the emails!

Status of new MM Decals

- Scott ordered 6 - 8 new decals through Boss Printers.
- Paul to send Scott updated mile marker decal status spreadsheet.

Senior Tax Rebate for Volunteering?

- Larry circulated handout r.e. Senior Citizens Property Tax Work –Off Abatement Program.
- Program to begin Fiscal year 2024 for The Town of Danvers.
- The group felt that the program was more complicated (income requirements/documentation) than we can communicate.
- Larry will email details to Paul for possible communications.

Update from the town -e.g., Pickering crossing, northwest extension, flooding at 3.6 (Tyler)

- Tyler noted; Steven King doing finance update for Aaron on the extension.
- Tyler noted; stone dust was applied for flooding at 3.6 and riprap will be added along the trail siding in the ditches to improve drainage and safety. Tyler also noted that this project used 200 tons of stone dust, 100 tons of gravel, and 18 tons of riprap.

Reminder for March and April 2023 meetings

- Defining the extension name, Mile Markers, Kiosks, other signs – Paul to follow up with Danvers.
- Sign for addressing e-Bike speeding and courtesy – move to 2023 for discussion – Tom Powers
- Planter program (Mark)
- Markings at Putnamville Park bridge (Elaine)
- Porta-Potty start date (all)

Friends of Danvers Rail Trail Finance Update

Account Update (Larry)

- Larry noted, not many changes at this time.
- Account is up due to \$4400 in Mile Marker renewals.
- We also received \$1000 in general donations.

2022 Tax Preparation Plans (Larry)

- Larry noted; in good shape and ready to go. He will send various tax forms to our tax accountant.
- Thank you to Larry!

Set next meeting date and location

March 16, 6:00pm, Carriage House

- Paul motioned, all approved next meeting date @ Carriage House.

Adjourning

- Paul motioned, and all approved to adjourn meeting @ 7:08pm.