

TOWN OF NORFOLK  
Rails to Trails Committee

Meeting Minutes: Thursday, March 10, 2016

Town Hall, Norfolk, CT

Committee Members Present: Dave Beers, Bill Couch, Michelle Childs, Matt Riiska  
Others Present: Amy & Neil Daley

Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 PM

Review of minutes of the February 11, 2016: Minutes tabled because there was not a quorum

Dave Beers:

Presented an updated copy of the trail. Stated that Rob Gilchrist is continuing his work on the map, including elevation views. Rob and Dave are also collecting information on properties that border the trail, including ownership & easement information.

Dave has received a Trail Use Form from the DEEP. Bill will complete the form and return it to the DEEP.

We are officially a Town of Norfolk committee and will update our website site with our P.O. Box 592 and the phone number which will go through the Selectmen's office

There was no update on our grant application to the Rail Trail Conservancy.

Bill Couch:

The Norfolk Land Trust was updated at their annual meeting on our progress, but noted there was a limited amount of time for questions & answers and further discussion.

Matt Riiska:

Contacted the St. Mary's Cemetery Committee Chairman Richard Byrne to inquire about the possible use of a portion of the 3.5 acre site adjacent to the North Trail. Richard was enthused about this proposal. He noted that the committee is discussing using that piece of property for green burial site. He said that a small parking lot would have little impact on their plans.

Michelle Childs:

Michelle has completed the paperwork and submitted an application to the AKC Fund for funding.

Mission Statement:

“To develop a multiple use handicapped accessible trail through Norfolk utilizing parts of the railroad bed.”

Dave asked committee members to review the mission statement for further discussion.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at: 7:38 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Matt Riiska, Secretary