

TOWN OF NORFOLK  
Rails to Trails Committee

Mission

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

Meeting Minutes: Thursday, June 9, 2016

Town Hall, Norfolk, CT

Committee Members Present: Dave Beers, Bill Couch, Matt Riiska, Bob Gilchrist, West Lowe & Marie Lowe

Others Present: Jerry Oakes, Chris Little

Meeting Called to Order: 7:06 PM

Review of minutes for May 12, 2016 meeting: Motion DB to accept minutes with the following correction; Add “existing” to the mission statement and approve the entire statement as presented, “To develop a multiple use handicapped accessible trail through Norfolk utilizing parts of the existing railroad bed.” Second BC; Passed – Unanimous

Bob Gilchrist

Bob introduced Chris Little who the R2R Committee will be working with to develop an informational video. The plan is to have the video available for the Weekend in Norfolk event.

Chris suggested that:

- The video should be approximately 2 – 3 minutes long
- Establish a Scrip
- Touch on the R2R Mission Statement
- Overview of the Trail
- Conservation
- Access to All
- Exercise Opportunity

A sub-committee was formed to work on the video; BG, WL & BC  
Committee will be meeting on Monday, June 13, 2016

BG presented rendering of the existing railroad bed and how it could look in the future. BC will take it to the next Norfolk Land Trust meeting schedule for Sunday, June 12, 2016. He will also discuss the use of the Stoney Lonesome Trail as part of the R2T system.

BG presented a layout a tri-fold brochure.

BG indicated that the use of the lime stone trailing is environmentally friendly and will increase the PH levels in the surrounding soil.

BG will continue to work on the maps using the maps provided by the CT DOT. DB walked the North Brook & Stoney Lonesome Trails and took GPS data for culverts and other points. DB provided a map and description of the points logged. BG will add this information to the trail map as time permits.

DB indicated that the culverts along the North Brook Trail are in relatively good condition and will be adequate for future use.

BC has completed the trail use application form for Haystack Mountain State Park and has submitted it to the DEEP.

BG will work on laying out a drawing of the proposed parking lot so a meeting with the St. Mary Cemetery can be setup.

DB has obtained a complete survey of Haystack Mountain & Route 272 North where it intersects with the North Brook Trail.

#### Fund Raising

JO has been in contact with the representative for the National Rails to Trails Association. He will look continue to look into funding possibilities.

JO has also contacted Laurie Giannotti, Recreation & Program Director for the CT Greenways Project. Because of the current situation with the State budget there has been no indication of available funds.

The R2T Committee should be receiving a \$5000 grant from the AKC Fund in June.

There was a discussion on where additional funding could come from.

ML will contact National Iron Bank in regards to funding the R2T brochure.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at: 8:01PM, Motion DB

Respectfully Submitted

Matt Riiska, Secretary