

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, September 8, 2016; **AMENDED**

Town Hall, Norfolk, CT

Committee Members Present: Bob Gilchrest, Dave Beers, Bill Couch, Michelle Childs, West Lowe, Erick Olsen, Marie Isabelle, Jerry Oakes & Matt Riiska

Meeting Called to Order: 7:08 PM

Minutes

Review of minutes for June 6, 2016 meeting: Motion DB to accept minutes, Second BC; Passed – Unanimous

Review of minutes for July 14, 2016 meeting: Motion BC to accept minutes, Second EO; Passed – Unanimous

Treasure’s Report

R2T received \$110 in Donations at the Farmers Market booth during the Weekend in Norfolk event.

Balance before Expenses: \$5110.00

Expenses for the R2T Video Totaled: \$558.43

Current Balance: \$4551.57

Updates:

Mapping – No Update

Grants: JO will contact **Rista** Melanca and ask if she would be available to attend an R2T meeting to discuss what funding could be available for our project.

BG will contact Jocelyn Ayer of the Northwest CT Regional Planning Collaborative to collect further information on funding possibilities.

DB made a motion to form a fundraising/ development sub-committee. The committee would consist of (4) individuals who would research grants & other forms of funding. Second: MC, Passed – Unanimous. Further discussion will take place at our next meeting.

Car Show, Saturday, September 17

BG & MC will man a booth at the car show.

Set up time is 9:00 AM

Trail Work Day, Saturday, October 1

Meet at the St Mary's field and the intersection of the North Brook Trail & Rt 272

MR to contact Richard Byrne to get permission to do trimming and clearing of the path from the trail to the field access area.

New Members

Jerry Oakes was sworn in by BC as our newest member.

Short & Long term Goals

Development of a business plan that will highlight trail development, funding raising, community involvement, conservation, legal issues, etc...

JO suggested we contact the R2T Conservancy in regards to land use and legal exposure.

Promotional Video

Plans to use the current R2T video as a promotional tool for fund raising and as a way to generate more interest.

Discussion of a 2017 bike tour using a portion of the Mountain Express trails and those in Great Mountain Forrest. Further discussion at the October meeting.

Director of Communications: DB expressed a need to create a position of Director of Communications. MI will discuss this with Ann DeCerbo

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15, Motion WL, Second: JO

Respectfully Submitted

Matt Riiska, Secretary