

Minutes  
Rails to Trails Committee  
Town Hall Meeting Room  
October 8, 2015, 7pm  
Minutes by Bob Gilchrest

1. Call to order
2. Reviewed in greater detail the north portion of the rail trail. Spoke about options where potential trail crosses 272. Discussed what options are available to us with regards to the parcel just north of the CTDOT garage which is currently for sale. Having this parcel could provide better transition opportunities negotiating the steep grade from existing rail up to a crossing of 272.
3. Also spoke about options for getting volunteers to help with the clearing and upgrade efforts of the Stony Lonesome Trail and the section to 272 to the point of being useable. Thinking is to get as many people out on the trails to help bolster support, specifically on sections of the trail we are looking to focus on first. I mentioned that there might be possibilities of getting some donations by local suppliers and contractors (stone bedding, etc.)...I will look into it.
4. We also reviewed the southern section Mad River Trail to Winchester town line, more specifically the ownership of the private parcels from Grantville Road eastward.
5. Michelle reported that Star finished up on the parcel 'coloring project' and should have something by next meeting.
6. Looked at possible access routes from the center of town southward through the Stoeckel Estate, more specifically with regards to grades and accessibility. Also generally spoke about the importance of accessibility and the need for it as most naturalized areas in Norfolk are not accessible to people with disabilities.
7. Reviewed existing maps/drawings which have not been updated...still awaiting field condition reports.
8. Adjournment

Attendance: Bob Gilchrest, West Lowe, Erick Olsen, Michelle Childs, Matt Riiska