

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 13, 2018

Town Hall, Norfolk, CT

Committee Members Present: Bob Gilchrest, Michelle Childs, Dave Beers, Erick Olsen, West Lowe & Matt Riiska

Also Present: Edie Hofstatter

Meeting Called to Order: 6:02 PM

Minutes

Review of minutes for the Thursday, August 9, 2018 meeting: Motion MC to accept the minutes, Second DB; Passed

Treasure’s Report

(1) Transaction - \$250.20 to BG for Flyers

Account Balance: \$19,822.47

Motion MR to accept treasurer’s report as presented, 2nd WL, Passed

Updates:

“Tour-de-Forest”: Scheduled for Saturday, October 27th

Marie Lowe (ML) has contacted Berkshire Bike & Board in regards to having a presence at the event and if they can provide demos for E-Bikes & mountain bikes.

ML has also contacted Stadium Systems about being a sponsor.

WL will reach out to the Country Club about using their parking lot for the event.

BG will contact the property owners near the Curling Club about using the parking area across from the Club.

BG will provide event information to Rista Malanca of the Winsted/Torrington Rail Trail to be posted on their website.

Discussion of signs. Motion MR to provide \$50 for the purchase signs for the event, 2nd EO, Passed

Discussion of media coverage. Motion EO to have ML to reach out to local television stations & Jon Barbagallo for media coverage, 2nd BG, Passed

Discussion of directional signs. BG will provide graphics. If any R2T committee members have wire sign frames please let us know.

Tour-de-Forest Organizational Meeting, Thursday, September 27, 6:00 PM @ The Hub

Volunteers Needed

Fire Department for traffic control

Bill Couch & MC Tour Directors

(3) Needed for Registration – DB lead registrar

Grant Mudge to act as EMT & Bike Mechanic

MR to contact Aquarian

EO to contact Fire Department about PA system

EO to contact Berkshire Springs for water. We prefer not using bottled water. We will have water stations where riders can fill their water bottles.

DEEP Grant

BG will updating the grant application with amendments and re-submit.

Items that will be updated:

Catholic through the Archdiocese is OK with the R2T to use the St. Mary's cemetery property for the parking area & access path to the North Brook Trail.

Current Budget

Public Participation

Letter of Support from Town

Application Signed by Town

Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation

DB will submit Grant application by the end of September.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM, Motion BG, Second: DB

Respectfully Submitted

Matt Riiska

Matt Riiska, Secretary