

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, February 11, 2021

Meeting conducted on Zoom.

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

Also, on call: David Keating, CATV6, Phylis Bernard

Meeting Called to Order: 6:02 PM

### Minutes

- Review of minutes from January 14, 2021; Motion to Approve Minutes Erick Olsen, Second Matt Riiska, Passed Unanimously.

### Treasure's Report

No new transactions – No Report

### Danosky & Associates; Dawn Whalen

Dawn Whalen discussed the consulting firm of Danosky & Associates assists non-profits with Establishing Goals, Planning, Strategy, Governance, Funding & Fund Raising and Finance. Danosky & Associates fees are \$450 per year (\$49/month)  
BG will provide Dawn's email to R2T members if they have any questions.

### North Brook Trail

- Staring Childs has provided his drone video of the North Brook Trail. Thanks Starling. It is amazing the extent of the dam network the beavers have established.
- BG explained where the boardwalk is proposed using the drone video.
- WL commented that it would be easier and less expensive to raise the trail bed approaching the boardwalk from both end of the trail to keep the boardwalk as short as possible.
- D Beers contacted Lori Gianotti about the boardwalk. There are currently no specifications published by the DEEP regarding boardwalks & rail trails on DEEP property. They hope to have something published soon. Lori suggested that we contact the Friends of American Legion & Peoples State Forest (falps.org) for some information their trail systems and boardwalks they have erected.
- D Beers also indicated that the DEEP will have another round of funding coming up and that we should make sure we have our application in place.
- BG provided rough costs from Millennium.  
Construction of boardwalk using helical piles - \$1200/pile X 2 \$2400 spaced 10' apart will cost R2T \$24,000 for a 100' section – If Millennium were to construction 100' of boardwalk it would be approximately \$100,000.
- Discussion of installing the parking lot to be used as our staging area for the east end of the North Brook Trail.
  - BG will work on a plan for building a ramp where it appears there was a ramp to create a path from the parking area to the trail.
  - BG will investigate the need to do soils testing to achieve Wetlands approval.

**Social Media Updates**

No Update

**Open Discussion – New Business**

No New Business

Next meeting will be Thursday, March 11, 2021 .

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM, Motion WL, Second: D Beers

Respectfully Submitted

*Matt Riiska*

Matt Riiska, Secretary