

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 10, 2020

Meeting conducted on Zoom

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

Also on call: Phylis Bernard, David Keating

Meeting Called to Order: 6:02 PM

**Minutes**

Review of minutes from July 9, 2020; Motion to Approve Minutes WL, Second ML, Passed Unanimously

**Treasure's Report**

No recent transactions, nothing to report; Current Account Balance: \$22,199.00

**North Brook Trail**

BG updated the committee on the work that has been done; clearing, tree work and repair of culvert accessed from the Ashpohtag end of the trail.  
The committee will review options to provide a suitable bridge or elevated walkway on the trail.  
DB will investigate companies that install beaver deceivers and if they could attend a R2T meeting to explain what needs to be done and the estimated costs.  
Discussion of which should come first the parking lot or trail repairs. The committee will focus on making the trail accessible and usable. A small access point off Route 272 with a sign showing the proposed new parking lot will be considered to generate interest in the trail and to show there is progress being made.

**North Brook Parking**

The Archdiocese of Hartford has signed the easement allowing the Norfolk R2T committee to plan for the addition of the parking lot.  
MR will contact the DOT for an encroachment permit to allow for the access to the new parking area.

**Social Media**

BG noted how much interest there is on our Facebook page.  
We will continue to provide updates to keep the interest of our plans and events.

Next meeting will be October 8, 2020

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM, Motion WL, Second: DB

Respectfully Submitted

*Matt Riiska*

Matt Riiska, Secretary