



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, October 8, 2020

Meeting conducted on Zoom

Committee Members Present: Bob Gilchrest, Dave Beers, Matt Riiska, Marie Lowe, West Lowe & Daryl Byrne

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

Meeting Called to Order: 6:04 PM

**Minutes**

- Review of minutes from September 10, 2020; Motion to Approve Minutes Daryl Byrne, Second WL, Passed Unanimously

**Treasurer's Report**

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

**North Brook Trail – Next Steps**

Paul Picone, DEEP Wildlife Biologist will meet the R2T committee on Friday, October 16 at 1:00 PM to walk the trail to discuss how we can control the beaver situation. The committee will meet at the DOT garage on North Street.

BG has looked into options for an elevated walkway which will extend over approximately 100'. Options included installing helical piles with a 4' wide walkway suspended from the posts attached to the piles. Or, driving pile into the rail bed and suspending a similar walkway on it. Approximated cost for the 100' walkway is \$6000.

WL suggested that we install a similar system from the North Street parking area to the trail.

BG has been keeping the DEEP updated on our efforts and will ask for their input on a suspended walkway.

**North Brook Parking**

MR has contacted the DOT and has received an encroachment application. MR will complete the application and submit it to the DOT.

MR will work with the Norfolk PW to work on the drive for the parking area

**Social Media**

BG reported that the Norfolk R2T has 322 Facebook followers

We will continue to provide updates to keep the interest of our plans and events.

Next meeting will be Thursday, November 12, 2020

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM, Motion WL, Second: MR

Respectfully Submitted

*Matt Riiska*

Matt Riiska, Secretary