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: Thursday, November 9, 2023

Meeting held at the Norfolk Town Hall

Committee Members Present: Bob Gilchrest, Michelle Childs, West Lowe, Gary Scheft, Erick Olsen & Matt Rijska

Meeting Called to Order: 6:02 PM

Minutes: August 13, 2023, Motion to accept minutes, amended to correct the spelling of Gary Scheft's name, adding a "c" WL, Second MC, Passed Unanimous

Treasurer's Report:

Current Balance \$42,088

Revenue from Tour de Forest: \$5,775.00

Expenses: \$1,714.82 (Incl: \$1,270.06 to Great Mountain Forest (GMF))

Net Profit: \$4,060.18

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report as Presented, EO, Second WL, Passed Unanimous

2023 Tour de Forest Recap:

BG expressed his thanks and congratulations to the committee for their work on running a successful event.

BG read letters from Holly Durstin & Tom Hodgkin praising the committee for running a great event. They did provide their suggestions for future events.

Suggestions:

Reverse the route through GMF.

Skip the route through the center of town. Short ride to take a left onto Westside Road at Mountain Road and use Sunset Ridge to get back to the Curling Club.

Gravel Ride riders would take a right onto Westside Road.

Supply food at the end of the ride. Looking into having a pig roast which could be a fundraiser for the Curling Club.

Provide swag for the riders.

Have a raffle.

CT DEEP Recreational Trails Grant

Sign the contact (Professional Services Agreement) with Allied Engineering Associates for design and engineering of the North Brook Trail; Motion EO, Second WL, Passed Unanimous

MR will review payment/reimbursement process of the Trails Grant

Possible Activities to promote the construction of the North Brook Trail Meet & greet events in small groups.

Video

"Go Fund Me", GS to investigate setting this up.

BG will be attending the Salisbury EDC meeting on November 15 where they will be discussing their efforts for a rail trail.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM. Motion MR, Second BG

Next meeting will be Thursday, December 14, 2023

Respectfully Submitted

Matt Rúska

Matt Riiska, Secretary