TOWN OF NORFOLK Rails to Trails Committee

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Mission

"To develop a multiple use handicapped accessible trail through Norfolk utilizing parts of the existing railroad bed."

Meeting: Thursday, December 14, 2023

Meeting held at the Norfolk Town Hall

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

Meeting Called to Order: 6:10 PM

Minutes: November 9, 2023, Motion to accept minutes WL, Second SC, Passed Unanimous

Treasurer's Report:

Current Balance \$41,938

Net from Tour de Forest: \$4,680.00

DB will ask GMF to send an invoice for \$1,107.56 allowing use of the forest road for the Tour de Forest.

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

Meeting Schedule for 2024

Review of the meeting schedule for 2024 Motion to accept the schedule as presented, WL, Second MR, Passed Unanimous

CT DEEP Recreational Trails Grant/Planning Updates

BG walked the trail with the surveyor on 12/14. He provided directions for the surveyor to include in his work, wetlands flag coordinates, center line of trail, and other features. Applications have been submitted to Inland Wetlands Agency and the P & Z Commission. Hearings for these applications are January 8th & January 9th, respectively. Planning on sending out RFQ's in March with construction to start in May or June.

Fund Raising/Promotion

DB suggested an art show having local artists create depictions of the rail trail. The event will take place in the summer with the art show at the Batelle Chapel.

More info to come.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM. Motion WL, Second MR

Next meeting will be Thursday, January 11, 2024

Respectfully Submitted

Matt Rúska

Matt Riiska, Secretary