



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, April 10, 2025

Meeting held at the Norfolk Town Hall

Committee Members Present: West Lowe, Bob Gilchrest, Michelle Childs, Dave Beers, John Anderson, Andra Moss, & Matt Riiska

Meeting Called to Order: 6:01 PM

Minutes:

Minutes for February 13, 2025, Motion to accept minutes: Motion WL, 2nd JA, Passed
Unanimous

Treasurer's Report:

Account Balance \$43,406.00
Paid Norfolk Now \$170 for Art Show Ad
Motion to accept Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept Treasurer's Report: Motion AM, 2nd WL,
Passed Unanimous

Art Event

Both receptions were very good. The second event on March 30th included approximately thirty people who were very interested in Richard Bryne's Norfolk rail History talk; thank you Richard. MR will send a note to Richard thanking him.
Will hear from Norfolk Artists & Friends before next meeting regarding what pieces of art sold and what the R2T committee will receive.

North Brook Trail Updated

BG reported that he has submitted the Quarterly Report for the DEEP on April 1st.
BG noted that there has been no communication with the DEEP since the trail walk on March 2nd. Internal & external communication with the DEEP has been poor.
MR will contact Maria Horn & DEEP Commissioner Katie Dykes to find out why our application is taking so much time.

Tour de Forest

The 2025 Tour de Forest is scheduled for Saturday, October 18th.
Flyers and registration information will be developed.

Open Discussion/New Business

- o AM suggested posting local rides using GPS/My Ride options.
- o BG mentioned the need for R2T photos of events to help in getting the word out. AM said that she has photos available.
- o MR suggested working with Connecticut Cycling Advancement Program (CCAP), who is running a gravel ride on May 31st starting at Norbrook Brewery. The Breakaway Gravel event is a 48-mile ride starting and ending at Norbrook using some of the same route sections as the Ice Box Gravel route before extending into Massachusetts and ending at Norbrook. MR has asked Brian Wolfe, CCAP coordinator, if the R2T Committee could set up a booth to promote the Tour de Forest. More information on CCAP can be found at: <http://www.ctcyclingadvancement.org/>

- MC discussed the Norfolk Earth Forum 2025 which will take place April 25 through 27. The committee decided that we are not able to provide financial support for the Earth Forum event.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM. Motion WL, Second MC

Next meeting will be Thursday, May 15, 2025

Respectfully Submitted

Matt Riiska

Matt Riiska, Secretary