## 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, February 8, 2024

Meeting held at the Norfolk Town Hall

Committee Members Present: Bob Gilchrest, Michelle Childs, Dave Beers, West Low, Gary Scheft,

Erick Olsen & Matt Riiska

Others: Holly Durstin

Meeting Called to Order: 6:02 PM

Minutes: No Meeting in January

Treasurer's Report: Current Account Balance: \$41,938

Tour de Forest: \$1,107.56 GMF Invoice, Motion EO to send a check to GMF for their portion of

Tour de Forrest proceeds, 2<sup>nd</sup> WL, Passed Unanimous

Accept Treasurer's Report: Motion MR, 2<sup>nd</sup> MC, Passed Unanimous

Land Purchase

DB spoke to Michael Sinclair (Taighean Builders Inc) about a piece of property he owns on

North Street next to the CT-DOT garage.

The property is 2.7 acres across North Street from the planned parking are for the North Brook

Trail

DB indicated that he is interested in selling the parcel.

North Brook Trail

BG gave an update of the plans for the North Brook Trail

Allied Engineer is developing the plans.

Issues were discussed including the problems with the beaver taking over. MR will contact the Beaver Institute to arrange a visit to the site and to discuss our options for reducing the beaver population.

**Fund Raising** 

DB discussed the idea of an art show/sale.

Working with the Norfolk Artist & Friends the theme of the show would be the Rail Trail and other trails in Norfolk.

Possible Date for the show would be April 2025

The Artists & Friends estimate that we would receive 25% of the proceeds.

Trail Grant

BG will update the original grant submitted in 2021.

Grant will be submitted by March 1, 2023

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM. Motion MR, Second BG

Next meeting will be Thursday, March 14, 2024

Respectfully Submitted

Matt Rúska

Matt Riiska, Secretary