

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, August 14, 2025

Meeting held at the Norfolk Town Hall

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

Meeting Called to Order: 6:05 PM

Minutes:

Minutes for May 8, 2025, Motion to accept minutes: WL, 2nd DB, Passed: Unanimous

Minutes for June 12, 2025, Motion to accept minutes: MR with the following corrections, Bob Gilchrist corrected to Gilchrest and "beaver pond has grown to" corrected to "beaver pond has grown to", 2nd MC, Passed: Unanimous

Treasurer's Report:

Account Balance \$42,493.94

One expense for Tour de Forest signage to Bob Gilchrest, \$316.18.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report: MR, 2nd MC, Passed: Unanimous

North Brook Trail Updated

BG reported that there has been no response from the DEEP other than they have received the information required.

Bob has provided the updated drawings and specifications required included an explanation for the required data needed for a (five hundred) year flood.

Tour de Forest

The 2025 Tour de Forest is scheduled for Saturday, October 18th.

West Lowe, Michele & Star Childs handed out flyers at the start of the Tour of Litchfield Hills on Sunday, August 3rd. The extra flyers were given to the reps from Benidorm Bikes to hand out at their store in Canton.

WL will reach out to Berkshire Bike & Board

Sponsorship: will reach out to Marie & Andra to see who can assist in organizing sponsor support.

MR will reach out to Brian Wolf at Connecticut Cycling Advancement Program to get the Tour de Forest noticed on their website.

MR to contact Best Damn Espresso for set-up at the start of the Tour de Forest.

MR to contact Town insurer CIRMA for insurance certificate.

Open Discussion/New Business

DB mentioned hubnotoc.com, which is a company that will produce bike related merchandise to use your logo, sell the merchandise and a portion of the proceeds go back to the organization.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM. Motion WL, Second MC

Next meeting will be Thursday, June 12, 2025

Respectfully Submitted

Matt Riiska

Matt Riiska, Secretary