



NATURE TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Board Members in Attendance

Bruce DeVault (Chairman), **Raymond Keddy** (Member), **Michele Piselli** (Member)

Board Members in Attendance via ZOOM

Raymond Kelley (Clerk & Alternate)

Board Members Absent

Cameron Graves (Vice Chairman), **Jean Graves** (Member)

Meeting Subjects:

1. Call to Order
2. 6th Grade Girl Scouts, Blazing, and Badges
3. Review progress on Davidson sanctuary
4. Review progress on Stowe Meadows
5. Discuss findings on the Rail trail
6. Approve Minutes from September 7th 2021 and previous meetings
7. Round table discussion
8. Adjournment

1. Call to Order:

Bruce Devault called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. 6th Grade Girl Scouts, Blazing, and Badges

Shanna Gilbert, leader of Millbury 6th Grade Girl Scout Cadette Troop spoke about the Committee assisting the Scouts with earning their Eco Trekker badge. Committee members were invited to attend October 14th meeting as experts on badge subject matter. Bruce DeVault volunteered to attend. In the future, Scouts might also present information in school about their learning and the Committee as a badge requirement. Scouts would also be open to learn about map reading and other related skills.

Davidson Sanctuary was targeted as best place Scouts could participate in blazing activities.

3. Review progress on Davidson sanctuary

Troop 110 did an Eagle Scout project in 2020 that included a kiosk and signs, clearing trails, building bridges but there's still plenty of work to be done since then due to growth and changing conditions.

Mapping of trails by the State was just completed and provided to Committee.

Plans for blazing Oct 16th weekend were made, with or without the Girl Scouts; start time 8AM.

4. Review progress on Stowe Meadows

Trail heads are: #1 Carleton Rd, #2 Auburn Rd, and #3 Stowe Road (not cleared yet)

Mapping of trails by the State that was just completed, but has still not been provided to Committee yet. That is expected to be received in the next few months. The only limitation of mapping was 2 trails that went on private property.

Plans for blazing Oct 23rd and 30th (if needed) weekends were made; start time 8AM.

5. Discuss findings on the Rail trail

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Gover Rd section of trail is in poor condition and not recommended for use currently. Dorothy Pond area is in better condition, and would be preferred to start trail improvements on. Near the Transfer Station, the condition is poor due to mud and beavers that are likely creating flooding on the trail; this area should be avoided until it freezes in December.

6. Approve Minutes from September 7th 2021 and previous meetings

Meeting minute approvals weren't possible due to lack of attendance of those who could approve July minutes, and the September minutes weren't ready yet. All outstanding minutes were expected to be available for approval at the November meeting.

7. Round table discussion

T-shirts were on-hold pending Committee name being clarified as "(Millbury) Nature's Trails" vs "Nature Trails" Committee or another version of that. **Bruce DeVault** will clarify name with Town Clerk's office.

Michele Piselli made a motion to move forward with T-shirts, first to be used with Girl Scouts, **Raymond Keddy** seconded the motion. **Bruce DeVault** took a vote that was unanimous 4-0.

Committee webpage now exists on Town website as "Trails Committee", which will be updated to be called "Nature Trails Committee", per Conor McCormack.

8. Adjournment

Michele Piselli made a motion to adjourn, **Bruce DeVault** seconded the motion. **Bruce DeVault** took a vote that was unanimous 4-

0.



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Signature of Attendees and Approval for Minutes from
Tuesday, October 5, 2021

Bruce DeVault – Chairman: Bruce M DeVault

Cameron Graves – Vice Chairman: Cir G

Raymond Kelley – Clerk: _____

Jean Graves – Member: Jean Graves

Raymond Keddy – Member: Raymond Keddy

Michele Piselli – Member: Michele M Piselli

Comments:
