



NATURE TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 7:00 PM

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MILLBURY, MASS.

Board Members in Attendance:

Bruce DeVault (Chairman), Cameron Graves (Vice Chairman),
Raymond Kelley (Clerk), Michele Piselli (Member)

Board Members Absent

Raymond Keddy (Member)

Meeting Subjects:

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Earth Day plans (Saturday, April 22)
3. Update - new nature trail and learning area project (w/BRWA)
4. Update - Stowe Meadows
5. Update - Brierly Pond
6. Update - Rail Trail
7. Update - Equipment trailer
8. Review and approve previous Minutes.
9. Roundtable discussion
10. Adjournment

1. Call to Order

Bruce DeVault called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Earth Day plans (Saturday, April 22)

Bruce DeVault mentioned the possibility of planting trees with guidance from the Tree Warden. He recommended Bigelow Nurseries. Also discussed was doing about 5 to 7 different locations for cleaning up or possibly doing both. If the plan is for a cleanup all that would be needed to do is scout some sites find the bad areas involve the DPW for trash locations and pick up. Raymond Kelley recommended a post of choices for trash and tree planting. It was decided that 9 AM would be the best time to meet at a muster location.

3. Update - new Nature trail and Learning area project (w/BRWA)

Bruce DeVault told Ken Bedard that there has been an appointment for April 18th at 4:30 pm to meet with the Cemetery Commission. Ken Bedard did a review of what the Nature Trails Committee is going to approach the Cemetery Commission with. Bruce DeVault made mention of the cemetery expansion that has been approved, and the possibility of parking being involved in the expansion plan.

4. Update - Stowe Meadows

Bruce DeVault stated that he has been going back and forth via email with Jacob Decatur to get started on creating the Stowe Road trail head so he can get his community time.

5. Update - Brierly Pond

Bruce DeVault brought up the topic of tree planting and talked about a person he found that is willing to help with regarding the Old Common Road walking area.

6. Update - Rail Trail

Michele Piselli had mentioned the area behind the houses on Gover Road. The trail seems to go into the back yard for some reason there is a loop or a curve, like there was something in the way at one time. **Bruce DeVault** stated that Connor McCormac had sent in a request for the Rail Trail to become town property. **Bruce DeVault** also mentioned that he would like to do trail work from Gover Road to Millbury Ave.

7. Update - Equipment trailer

Bruce DeVault has informed the Committee that he can now order the solar panels through the finance office and have it delivered to his house for installation.

8. Review and approve previous Minutes

No Minutes were available for review or approval.

9. Roundtable discussion

Bruce DeVault made a point to start educational courses for trail tools, to make people more comfortable with helping and to use the tools.

Paul Routhier is asking what he can do. **Bruce DeVault** said he wanted him to help with the Old Common Road walking area and possibly help with the trail making section that Bruce had in mind, also.

There was discussion of approaching Senator **Mike Moore** for assistance. **Raymond Kelley** asked for the name of the contact person for DCR in Worcester. **Ken Bedard** stated that **Jerry Maddon** was a possible contact.

Raymond Kelley and **Michele Piselli** talked about our meeting schedule for the upcoming year. The discussion was for March, April, May, June, August, and October.

Bruce DeVault mentioned that we should go to LL Bean and buy some equipment.

10. Adjournment

Raymond Kelley made a motion to adjourn, and **Cameron. Graves** seconded the motion. **Bruce DeVault** took a vote, and the motion was unanimously passed.



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**Signature of Attendees and Approval for Minutes from
Tuesday, April 4, 2022**

Bruce DeVault – Chairman:

Bruce M DeVault

Cameron Graves – Vice Chairman:

Raymond Kelley – Clerk:

Raymond D. Kelley

Raymond Keddy – Member:

Michele Piselli – Member:

Michele M Piselli

Comments:
