



NATURE TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday February 1, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Board Members in Attendance

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

Board Members Absent

Jean Graves (Member), Raymond Keddy (Member)

Meeting Subjects:

1. Call meeting to order
2. Review Stowe Meadows Conservation (work on Kiosk)
3. Discuss plans for the next project (The Rail Trail)
4. Approve Minutes from November
5. Round table discussion
6. Adjournment

1. Call to Order:

Bruce DeVault called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

2. Review Stowe Meadows Conservation (work on Kiosk)

- Bruce DeVault reported November 6th blazing with Girl Scouts was very productive and the Scouts were very excited to continue
- Conservation Commission is discussing making off-street parking at Stowe Road trailhead. Conor McCormack, Millbury Assistant Town Planner, has been invited to join next meeting to discuss
- GPS mapping from state hasn't been received
- Kiosks would be located near the entrances: Stowe Rd at the bridge, Carleton Rd at the right hand turn to go to the dam, and Auburn Rd near the stone wall
- Stands for the kiosks will be made by person donating time; discount/donation on needed materials will be requested from local suppliers, but can be purchased outright using Committee funds
- Volunteer ready to extend bridge at Stowe Rd entrance to avoid water problem
- Carleton Rd entrance is closest to area of trail near dam that is in greatest need of repair; warning ribbons were left in-place; possibly adding a support rope or rebuilding the trail in that area are some of the solutions that could be attempted

3. Discuss plans for the next project (The Rail Trail)

Bruce DeVault reported

- Conor McCormack walked the trail, has ideas about getting grant money next year and making trail wider for good long-term condition. Good parking spots near trail gives good access. Conor McCormack looking at possibly adding parking in conservation areas near trail.

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- 2022 Committee goals should include walking the trail and start work early in year

4. Approve Minutes from November

Michele Piselli made a motion to approve the November 2nd 2021 Minutes. **Cameron Graves** seconded the motion. **Bruce DeVault** took a vote, which was unanimous, 4-0.

5. Round table discussion

Ray Kelley reported on ZAP 50 and the Blackstone Watershed Collaborative (BWC), including reviewing a presentation given at the January 21 meeting of the BWC

- So far, **Ray Kelley**, **Michele Piselli**, **Cameron Graves** and **Bruce DeVault** have all participated in at least one ZAP meeting
- ZAP is contributing to the BWC; both ZAP 50 and the BWC have overlapping purposes, so the two groups are supporting each other
- Millbury Board of Selectmen approved a resolution on January 11th to support the BWC and the Blackstone River Watershed Needs Assessment Report and **Ray Kelley** also got to present ZAP; this helps Millbury to be more aware and give support to ZAP and BWC activities; Town website also includes news about this resolution
- Presentation discussed purpose of ZAP, what it is doing currently, what it plans to do, how organization will benefit from it, and how organizations/people can contribute
- Schedule - August 27th, 2022 there will be a Clean-up & Green-up & Improvements Day, 10,000 people are expected to be involved, making a large impact by cleaning up trash, improving green spaces and many other things throughout the watershed, not just at the River. September 10th, 2022, there will be a Celebration & Activities Day, centered at Historic Slater Mill in Pawtucket, RI, but also occurring throughout the area to celebrate and enjoy the 50 years of progress since ZAP 1972
- www.ZAPtheBLACKTONE.com is the hub for volunteers, projects, sponsorship, and information

Bruce DeVault discussed possible schedule change to meet bi-monthly, but wanted to wait to discuss it further

Cameron Graves covered finances

- There's about \$8600 in our account remaining
- Tommy Fox \$250 made a donation in November after the last Committee meeting

Bruce DeVault purchased Stihl battery system that was previously discussed, which should last for most work sessions

8. Adjournment

Ray Kelley made a motion to adjourn. **Cameron Graves** seconded the motion.



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**Signature of Attendees and Approval for Minutes from
Tuesday, February 1, 2022**

Bruce DeVault – Chairman: Bruce M DeVault

Cameron Graves – Vice Chairman: C. Graves

Raymond Kelley – Clerk: Raymond D. Kelley

Jean Graves – Member: RESIGNED

Raymond Keddy – Member: _____

Michele Piselli – Member: Michele M. Piselli

Comments:
