



NATURE TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday April 5, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Board Members in Attendance

Bruce DeVault (Chairman), **Raymond Keddy** (Member), **Raymond Kelley** (Clerk & Alternate)

Board Members Absent

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

Meeting Subjects:

1. Call meeting to order
2. Equipment trailer – purchase and improvement costs
3. Review work and plan at Stowe Meadows Conservation – trails, kiosk, etc.
4. Discuss plans for Rail Trail as next project
5. Partnerships – Millbury Lions Club assisting with trail work
6. ZAP 50 and Blackstone Watershed Collaborative update
7. Review and approve Minutes from February and March
8. Round table discussion
9. Adjournment

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Equipment trailer – purchase and improvement costs

- **Bruce DeVault** purchased a trailer in good condition for \$500 for the Committee. It will be used to store and transport all tools. Future plans include fundraising to make the trailer solar-powered with outlets inside to charge the electrical tools. Painted look will be orange as the main color and putting the Committee logo on the outside in black; goal is for improved visibility of the Committee.
- **Raymond Keddy** made a motion to send bill for \$500 trailer purchase for payment through the Committee. **Raymond Kelley** seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

3. Review work and plan at Stowe Meadows Conservation – trails, kiosk, etc.

Bruce DeVault reported

- We've gotten good feedback from some hikers that the trail work is appreciated. Great job done by the Girl Scouts and all the people who worked on it.
- Lots of work still needs to be done because it's a large area. This includes downed trees.
- To start working on the Stowe Road trail head, Bruce will talk to the Conservation Committee about creating a new trail head entrance and parking area.

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- Working with IBA print shop to use new trail maps and the flyers at the kiosk; the flyer is a mini version of the kiosk information. Flyers can be picked up at the kiosk and then returned as people leave. In the future, flyer content could be accessible through QR codes for access without the need for flyers.
- Boy Scouts have badge that could be worked on with the next kiosk plan, which will be on the Rail Trail.

4. Discuss plans for Rail Trail as next project

Bruce DeVault reported

- Windle Field could be used as parking area; will ask for permission. Access through current apartment construction land will be supported by the owner.
- Area includes many spur trails in multiple locations along the Rail Trail.
- Gover Rd is a spot with heavy work needed, which is where Millbury Lions Club will assist.
- Because the Rail Trail isn't always clearly defined and the boundaries are unclear, courtesy notices will be sent out to the neighbors adjacent to the Rail Trail before any work begins.

5. Partnerships – Millbury Lions Club assisting with trail work

- DJ Welch was present to plan Lions assisting Committee on April 30th. Future assistance is possible also and can be discussed at a later date.
- **Bruce DeVault** is planning to attend the Lions Club Board meeting on May 2nd.

6. ZAP 50 and Blackstone Watershed Collaborative update

Raymond Kelley reported

- ZAP is still meeting every 2 weeks; time is now broken up into Board meeting and Steering Team meetings.
- ZAP was featured in front-page Telegram article; covered many other Watershed groups/people, also.
- Updates to ZAP website was shown, including Nature Trails Committee logo/name added.
- Millbury section of Blackstone River Bikeway
 - Cleanup and Trail maintenance of the Blackstone River Bike Path section in Millbury was submitted as the official ZAP project for the Committee.
 - John Lynch is Auburn resident who is regularly working on Millbury section of Bikeway. Committee will contact John to work with him.
 - Condition of Bikeway near Visitor's Center in Worcester is major issue. **Bruce DeVault** is/will be working to get feedback from officials and other people on making this area better.
- ZAP 50 Facebook page reviewed.
- Community Captains meeting April 27th to facilitate connecting locally.

7. Review and approve Minutes from February and March

- **Bruce DeVault** made a motion to accept the Minutes from March. **Raymond Kelley** seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- February Minutes couldn't be approved because not enough people were present.

8. Round table discussion

- May 3rd meeting is the same night as Town Meeting.
- Jean Graves is considering resigning because she can't attend meetings regularly.

9. Adjournment

Bruce DeVault made a motion to adjourn. **Raymond Keddy** seconded the motion.



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Signature of Attendees and Approval for Minutes from
Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Bruce DeVault – Chairman:

Bruce M. DeVault

Cameron Graves – Vice Chairman:

Cameron Graves

Raymond Kelley – Clerk:

Raymond D. Kelley

Jean Graves – Member:

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Raymond Keddy – Member:

Michele Piselli – Member:

Michele M. Piselli

Comments:

