

NATURE TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES Tuesday 6/7/2022 7:00 PM

Board Members in Attendance via ZOOM:

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

Board Members Absent:

Raymond Kelley (Clerk), Jean Graves (Member)

Meeting Subjects:

- 1. Call meeting to order
- 2. Board membership changes
- 3. Update Rail Trail work and Millbury Lions Club
- 4. Update Equipment trailer
- 5. Update Stowe Meadows Conservation work
- 6. New item Brierly Pond
- 7. Update ZAP 50 & Aug 27th Bike Way Project, Blackstone Watershed Collaborative
- 8. Review and approve previous Minutes
- 9. Round Table Discussion
- 10. Adjournment



Bruce Devault called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

2. Certificate of Organization

<u>Bruce DeVault</u> acting as Committee Clerk, asked for a nomination for Chairman. <u>Raymond Keddy</u> nominated <u>Bruce DeVault</u>. There were no other nominations for Chairman. <u>Bruce DeVault</u> accepted the nomination.

<u>Bruce DeVault</u> as Chairman nominated <u>Cameron Graves</u> as the Vice Chairman. There were no other nominations. <u>Cameron Graves</u> accepted the nomination.

<u>Bruce DeVault</u> as Chairman also nominated <u>Cameron Graves</u> as Treasurer. There were no other nominations. <u>Cameron Graves</u> accepted the nomination.

<u>Bruce DeVault</u> nominated <u>Raymond Kelley</u> as Clerk. There were no other nominations. The nomination was accepted for <u>Raymond Kelley</u> in his absence.

Bruce DeVault announced the letter of resignation from Jean Graves.

3. Organizational Meeting Notice

<u>Bruce DeVault</u> recommended changing the Committee meetings to bi-monthly for the rest of 2022 and all of 2023, occurring on the first Tuesday of each month. The recommendation was so moved, and it was unanimous for all parties.



4. Trail Reviews

<u>Bruce DeVault</u> stated there is interest from the Girl & Boy Scouts in reference to badges for trail blazing and mapping. <u>Bruce DeVault</u> stated that he would put some time together to meet with the different groups.

<u>Brierly Pond</u> is going to be a great spot for the scouts to get a lot of different badges as time moves forward. <u>Bruce DeVault</u> stated that he went before the Conservation Commission for funds to buy 500 tomato stakes to start creating a sense of direction for trail creation.

The bicycle club has already revitalized 14 miles of trails on the conservation site.

<u>Raymond Keddy</u> mentioned that there are funds available for trail work. The Nature Trails Committee would need to submit a formal request for assistance, for example, a quote for the amount needed.

Bruce DeVault asked Raymond Keddy if there was a possibility of using this area as a Millbury Scouts Home location. Raymond Keddy stated that the Committee should go through proper channels on this conservation area starting with the Town & Conservation Commission.

<u>Bruce DeVault</u> stated that the joint venture with the Millbury Lions Club on the Rail Trail was successful. We found that going west from Gover Road had a small amount of work needed. Going to the East, toward Millbury Center will need a substantial amount of work and Poison Ivy will be the main concern. <u>Bruce DeVault</u> also stated that the Committee would reach out the Millbury Lions club in the future.

5. Trailer Update

<u>Bruce DeVault</u> stated that the exterior of the trailer is complete except for the Committee logo. <u>Bruce DeVault</u> asked for a motion for the purchase of the logo. <u>Raymond Keddy</u> made a motion to approve the \$200.00 request for the Committee logo. <u>Cameron</u> Graves second the motion. <u>Bruce DeVault</u> took a vote it was unanimous 4-0.

<u>Cameron Graves</u> had mentioned that <u>Bruce DeVault</u> made the trailer purchase and wanted to help with said purchase. <u>Bruce DeVault</u> explained to the Committee that our approval had gone through. Bruce DeVault was refunded \$500.00 for said purchase from the Committee funds. <u>Bruce DeVault</u> thought all involved should know that all labor on the trailer was donated by the appropriate people who wish to remain anonymous.

6. Minutes

<u>Cameron Graves</u> made a motion to approve the minutes for April 5th, 2022. <u>Raymond Keddy</u> seconded the motion. <u>Bruce</u> <u>DeVault</u> took a vote, it was unanimous 4-0.

<u>Cameron Graves</u> made a motion to approve the minutes for February 1st, 2022. <u>Michele Piselli</u> seconded the motion. <u>Bruce</u> <u>DeVault</u> took a vote, it was unanimous 4-0.

7. Adjournment

<u>Cameron Graves</u> made a motion to adjourn <u>Michele Piselli</u> seconded the motion. <u>Bruce Devault</u> took a vote, it was unanimous 4-0



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Signature of Attendees and Approval for Minutes from Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Bruce DeVault - Chairman: Dune M Valuett
Cameron Graves - Vice Chairman & Treasurer:
Raymond Kelley - Clerk: NOT ATTEND
Raymond Keddy – Member:
Michele Piselli - Member: Muchele M Puselli
Comments: