



# **NATURE TRAILS COMMITTEE**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 7:00 PM**

### **Board Members in Attendance**

**Bruce DeVault** (Chairman), **Cameron Graves** (Vice Chairman),  
**Raymond Kelley** (Clerk), **Raymond Keddy** (Member)

### **Board Members Absent**

**Michele Piselli** (Member)

### **Meeting Subjects:**

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Update - Stowe Meadows
3. Update - Brierly Pond
4. Update - Rail Trail
5. Update - Equipment trailer
6. Update - ZAP 50 & Aug 27th Bike Way Project, Blackstone Watershed Collaborative
7. Review and approve previous Minutes
8. Round Table discussion
9. Adjournment

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### **1. Call to Order:**

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

### **2. Update - Stowe Meadows:**

**Bruce DeVault** opened with discussion on the Kiosk for Stowe Meadows. **Ray Kelley** stated that there was a small amount of editing to do with the bird information. When **Ray Kelley** finishes the editing, he would send in the edited version for the final print approval. **Bruce DeVault** also stated that the estimate for the Kiosk came in at \$170.00. The QR codes will be separate from the Kiosk, but located on the Kiosk stand. The Stand will have a removable plexy glass cover with the QR codes under the Kiosk. **Bruce DeVault** showed examples of the codes. The Stow Road QR code explains that the Stowe Road Trail Head will be closed due to decades of growth. The Kiosk stands are under in the construction phase. **Ray Kelley** made mention that the Carlton Road Trail head was grown in and hard to find.

### **3. Update - Brierly Pond:**

**Bruce DeVault** stated that the granite stones had been moved aside and there was evidence of a vehicle driving into the conservation area. **Bruce DeVault** stated that he had notified conservation about it.

### **4. Update – Rail Trail:**

**Bruce DeVault** is trying to partner with the business owners and contractors in the areas adjacent to the trail to get their support and share trail maintenance.

**5. Update - Equipment trailer:**

**Bruce DeVault** also informed the committee that the trailer was complete and that all labor was donated to the trails program, all we had to pay for was supplies. All that remains for the trailer to be independent is the solar panels.

**6. Update - ZAP 50 & Aug 27th Bike Way Project, Blackstone Watershed Collaborative:**

**Bruce DeVault** opened the floor to **Ray Kelley** in reference to the joint venture with the ZAP 50 Blackstone Watershed Collaborative groups.

**Ray Kelley** mentioned he put together a notice for different sections of the trail for encouragement for the trail goers to join our venture on August 27<sup>th</sup>. **Ray Kelley** also mentioned a gentleman named John Lynch who had decided to take it upon himself to try to keep the trail clean and presentable as possible on his own. **Ray Kelley** had searched out John Lynch and asked him to head up our venture. John accepted the offer with much gratitude. **Bruce DeVault** asked if we would be going as far as the Worcester Visitors Center. **Ray Kelley** stated that there will be other groups coming in from that direction, and we would meet both at the Millbury Street and Cliff Street lots. **Ray Kelley** also informed the committee that the celebration day for this venture would be held on September 10 at Slater Mill in Pawtucket R.I. 8am to 6pm.

**7. Review and approve previous Minutes**

No Minutes were available for approval or review.

**8. Round Table discussion:**

**Bruce DeVault** informed the committee that he had updated the Town Selectman of all Committee progress to this point.

**Bruce DeVault** asked the Committee if he could purchase some trail shirts. **Ray Kelley** asked if we were going to sell them or give them to volunteers. **Ray Keddy** suggested we make shirts for the ZAP 50 joint venture. Putting the ZAP 50 Logo on the back with the Millbury Nature Trails logo on the front. **Ray Kelley** made a motion to approve the purchase of 55 shirts with both logos

**Cameron Graves** seconded the motion. **Bruce DeVault** took a vote, which was unanimous: **4-0**.

**Ray Kelley** wanted to clarify that Walmart was not responsible for the recent Blackstone River contamination that made local news. This was due to the outdated infrastructure in the Worcester system, and not because of the Upper Blackstone Clean Water treatment plant, but it should be expected again when similar weather conditions occur.

**9. Adjournment**

**Bruce DeVault** moved to adjourn. **Ray Kelley** seconded. **Bruce DeVault** took a vote, which was unanimous: **4-0**.



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Signature of Attendees and Approval for Minutes from  
Tuesday, August 2, 2022

Bruce DeVault – Chairman: Bruce M DeVault

Cameron Graves – Vice Chairman: C. Graves

Raymond Kelley – Clerk: Raymond D. Kelley

Raymond Keddy – Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Michele Piselli – Member: Michele M Piselli

Comments:

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