



# NATURE TRAILS COMMITTEE

## MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 7:00 PM**

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### Board Members in ZOOM 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. Update - ZAP 50 & Aug 27th Bike Way Project, Blackstone Watershed Collaborative
3. Update - Stowe Meadows
4. Update - Brierly Pond
5. Update - Rail Trail
6. Update - Equipment trailer
7. Review - upcoming meeting schedule
8. Review and approve previous Minutes
9. Round Table discussion
10. Adjournment

### 1. Call to Order

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

### 2. Update - ZAP 50 & Aug 27th Bike Way Project, Blackstone Watershed

**Ray Kelley** stated that the joint venture between the Committee and ZAP 50, which included the cleanup on August 27<sup>th</sup>, was a success. The Committee volunteer group spent 4 hours trimming and picking up trash. There was a lot of trimming to do along the Bikeway trail. The volunteer group filled a 4 x 8 low profile trailer with 25 bags of trash tires & a shopping cart. The DPW was kind enough to pick up the trash from our venture the following Monday.

Overall, the Committee played an important role in planning and implementation in ZAP 50, which spanned from Worcester MA, to Providence RI, with more than 2000 people involved. It was a great success.

**Ray Kelley** also mentioned that we should stay in touch with the Blackstone Watershed Collaborative and other local organizations that were involved with ZAP 50 for the future because many of their goals/activities and the Committee's align, so we can continue to work together and support each other.

**Bruce DeVault** had mentioned, that because of the Blackstone Bikeway venture, we had gained 30 plus Facebook members.

**Michele Piselli** mentioned the change that was made for Facebook members to join. **Ray Kelley** stated that the change was to have all members be accepted by one of the admins to try to control advertising on the page.

### **3. Update - Stowe Meadows**

### **4. Update - Brierly Pond**

### **5. Update - Rail Trail**

**Bruce DeVault** stated that he had gotten a few messages of a couple of trees being down across the trails and that Jim Sauriol was getting ready to put the Kiosk together in October / November at Auburn Road & Carlton Road for Stowe Meadows. Jim Sauriol recommended putting the kiosk closer to the trail head instead of where they were planned to be located before.

For Brierly Pond, the Committee had an in-depth conversation on this conservation area regarding what needs to be done. **Bruce DeVault** also mentioned that the bike riders are doing a lot of reconditioning. He had gotten word that they had around eight miles of trails reconditioned already.

**Bruce DeVault** reported the Rail Trail is for the most part in ok condition. The part that needs volunteer work is from the Windle Field area to Gover Road. The Lions Club will be asked to help with this section like they helped with the other side.

### **6. Update - Equipment trailer**

**Bruce DeVault** told the Committee that the trailer is all setup except for the solar panels. **Ray Kelley** made a motion to approve the solar panel purchase of approximately \$500.00, and **Michele Piselli** seconded the motion. **Bruce DeVault** took a vote, and it was unanimous.

### **7. Review - upcoming meeting schedule**

**Bruce DeVault** made a motion to cancel the previously scheduled December meeting, and **Cameron Graves** seconded the motion. **Bruce DeVault** took a vote, and it was unanimous.

### **8. Review and approve previous Minutes**

**Ray Kelley** made a motion to accept the June minutes and **Cameron Graves** seconded the motion. **Bruce DeVault** took a vote, and it was unanimous.

**Ray Kelley** made a motion to accept the August Minutes, and **Michele Piselli** seconded the motion. **Bruce DeVault** took a vote, and it was unanimous.

### **9. Round Table Discussion**

**Michele Piselli** brought up our Committee Vision/goals, forming groups for events, and getting training for future volunteers. The Round Table discussion touched base on all of our projects, which led to a question-and-answer kind of discussion.

### **10. Adjournment**

**Ray Kelley** made a motion to adjourn, and **Michele Piselli** seconded the motion. **Bruce DeVault** took a vote, and it was unanimous.



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

*[Signature]* *BD*

Bruce DeVault – Chairman:

*Bruce M DeVault*

Cameron Graves – Vice Chairman:

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Raymond Kelley – Clerk:

*Raymond D. Kelley*

Raymond Keddy – Member:

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Michele Piselli – Member:

*Michele M. Piselli*

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