

Rail Trail Advisory Committee  
Weston Town Hall  
Oct. 7, 2019

**Committee Member Attendees:** Paul Penfield, Chris Stix, Gail Palmer, Mark Horowitz, Eric Rosenthal, Anne Benning

**Not Attending:** Phyllis Halpern, Mike McCarthy, Eli Mather, Meg Kelly, Ellen Freeman Roth

Guest: Chris Fitzgerald/Recreation Commission

- 1) Approval of Sept. 23rd minutes: approved
- 2) **Citizens Comments:** none
- 3) **Construction Report:** Bike racks are in. Foundations still haven't been poured. Space west of Concord still has not be marked off. Chris Fitzgerald: There are four 6 foot benches and one 5 foot bench that will be placed at the previously specified locations. Trying to get one down to Concord Road in time for opening. Takes some coordination. The 6 foot benches are being assembled at Stonegate nursery. Lynch hoping to get a crew out on the trail on Wednesday. There are pavers that need to go with the benches before the foundations are poured. Not sure if the 6 foot benches will be ready in time for the opening on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Rain in forecast also not helpful. Paul P – Eversource has started dismantling the wattles. It was suggested that committee volunteers come out on Friday the day before the opening to help clean up any trash along the trail. Mark H will follow up with Paul Janhige regarding warning signs for crossing at Gun Club as well as the eastbound rules sign that is missing at Concord Road.
- 4) **Signage:** Gail provided proof of latest rules sign to be produced by FastSigns in Waltham. Color of sign changed to brown at Paul Jahnige's request. Committee in favor of moving forward with production of signs. Gail will coordinate with FastSigns and should have signs ready for Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> opening. Gail will work with Paul P in coming weeks for Mass Trails/CPC tribute wording on the map sign, then get another updated version of the map from Jono. No update on the Boys Scout project with building the map stand.
- 5) **Opening Celebration update:** Paul has sent out 127 invitations and has a few more to send. Will determine who to speak after we have more people who have rsvp'd. Idea is that it will be limited to 4 speakers at each location. Will have a Master of ceremonies at each location. Need to reach out to WCCA about their messaging and to include the full schedule of the day vs just their portion, which otherwise might be misleading. Kara Fleming has created a page on the town website with the schedule.
- 6) **Update on Plantings and Matching Grant follow-up:** at this rate, planning on planting in the spring. Still need to coordinate with DCR and Stella. Some issues with phase one of plantings which Paul P is itemizing.
- 7) **Future of RTAC/Delegation list:** The general consensus is continue on until end of fiscal year (June 2020) with a reduced committee. Chris Stix and Mark H will be moving off at the end of the calendar year while others will remain on board. Mark will coordinate one more meeting before end of the calendar year. Mark will make the recommendation to the Selectmen of the committee's transition plan which would include Mark and Chris stepping down at the of the calendar year, Gail stepping up as chair of the committee, and the committee's plans to start handing over some things that arise to other committees in town and FLRT. Motion made and

approved to move forward with the plan. The Recreation Commission is willing to take on whatever is needed/delegated. There is an All Committee Meeting November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Regis College. Mark will talk to selectmen about transition plans and whether or not they think he needs to speak at the meeting.

- 8) Tentative next meeting dates: Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> although likely only one will be needed.
- 9) Motion to adjourn