



Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2023

Hybrid Meeting (at 141 Keyes Rd & via Zoom)

Call to Order

- April 27, 2023 meeting of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Advisory Committee (“BFRTAC”) was called to order at 7:06PM by co-chair Nat Welch

Attendees

- BFRTAC Members: Nat Welch, Adrienne Boardman, Richard Fahlander, Dorcas Miller, John Soden, Brian Crouse, Sam Stearns
- Town Representatives: Marcia Rasmussen, Director of Planning and Land Management; Terri Ackerman, Select Board Liaison
- No members of the community joined the meeting
- Recorder: Adrienne Boardman

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- A motion was made to approve the January 26, 2023 meeting minutes and seconded
 - The January 26, 2023 minutes were approved by roll call vote; with one abstain
- A motion was made to approve the March 30, 2023 meeting minutes and seconded
 - The March 30, 2023 minutes were approved by roll call vote; with one abstain

Town Update Memo: Marcia Rasmussen presented the monthly project report, which is incorporated as an addendum to the meeting minutes.

- Phase 2A-2D: No update from Friends of BFRT about the status of the new signs being produced; once received Public Works will support installation
- Phase 2B: Bridge work can likely be completed by May 31, 2023 with potential for an opening celebration in June (Richard Fahlander received contact information to determine details)
- Phase 2C: Original planters specified may be too low so new ones will be selected and ordered; Article at Town Meeting will address \$50,000 in funding for future expenditures; 5th Grade Service Day for Willard being coordinated for June
- Last ½ Mile & Phase 2D Sudbury: Work is progressing with clearing underway
- Unveiling of mural representing BFRT taking place on May 20; preliminary schematics of interpretive panels to be installed along 2D
- Richard Fahlander raised some considerations for the ribbon cutting / ribbon tying; Marcia suggested we start with outreach to any elected officials we want in attendance so planning can be done around hearing schedules, etc

- Given no bids were received for the cemetery work, Marcia is going to break down the project into its parts, starting with a survey and trying to utilize Public Works

Committee Business

BFRTAC Charge Deliberation

- Original charge was drafted in 2005 and focused on planning and construction; a lot has changed over the past 18 years so the time is right to update the charge to reflect the current role of the Advisory Committee
- Nat Welch shared the proposed version which has been shared to all Committee members and posted prior to the meeting
- Working session followed to update the charge wording with discussion
- Motion for the Select Board to review and approve the updated charge dated April 27 meeting; seconded and approved unanimously by roll call vote
- Terri specified that the Select Board is meeting May 15 and May 22 and the BFRTAC charge will be added to one of the meetings

Other Member Business

- Nat Welch explained that the Contractor has not finished the work at Gerow Park at the Town is working to remedy the situation; Terri Ackerman clarified it has been stalled with litigation and negotiations
- Regarding the presence of cones in the BFRT path next to the Club Car Cafe; Nat Welch had received an email from a member of the Friends of the BFRT that they had encountered multiple cones at that location in the middle of the trail. Nat indicated it is an ongoing occurrence as he has seen them more than once.
- Dorcas Miller asked of the signals are working by Old Marlboro Road; Marcia said it is in the hands of Engineering and Public Works; Committee members expressed it has been pending repair for many months.
- John Soden shared that he received a text from a neighbor who shared photos of panels by the prison white houses where there was a typo that needs to be corrected

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.

Next meeting on Thursday, May 25 @ 7:00PM