

Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Advisory Committee  
In-person and via Zoom  
September 8, 2022

Meeting Called to Order at 7:05 pm

**Committee Members Present**

In-person Nat Welch, Richard Fahlander, Dorcas Miller.

On Zoom - Marybeth Barker, Deborah Adleman, Sam Stearns, John Soden, Adrienne Boardman

Select Board Liaison Present– Terri Ackerman

August 17, 2022 minutes approved unanimously.

**Monthly Update Report**

Planning and Land Management Director Marcia Rasmussen provided the monthly update. See attached report. She emphasized that the bridge area is again an active construction site and should not be accessed by the public. If the weather cooperates final paving should be completed in November. A cedar fence will now be installed along the section abutting the State Police horse barns.

Bids have been received for the final mile in Concord and the Sudbury section. Construction could begin as early this fall.

The Friends of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail are hosting a coordination meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup> with towns along the trail to discuss uniform signage. Barbara Pike from the Friends commented that there has been a good response from town representatives.

Ms. Rasmussen is submitting at request for \$30,000 in funding for the improvements along the rail trail including engineering for a commemorative site at the Concord Reformatory cemetery.

**Junction Park Improvements**

Ms. Rasmussen presented preliminary short-term improvements to for Junction Park based on the advisory committee's report to the Select Board. Included are signage welcoming users to this "special place" and planters providing visual signifiers for the trail route. Committee members expressed general support for the concepts. Ms. Barker commented that perhaps these improvements will obviate the need for major park re-design. Mr. Welch said that the long-term recommendation should be kept in mind, particularly safety improvement at the commuter rail crossing. The concepts will be presented to the Green Thumbs and the West Concord Junction Cultural District prior to a presentation to the Select Board on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Trail Safety Subcommittee**

The subcommittee met and elected Deborah Adleman chair and Marybeth Barker clerk. Dorcas Miller is the third member. They are narrowing their scope to particular safety issues and plan to make recommendations to the full committee this fall.

Meeting Adjourned at ?::? pm.

Submitted by Richard Fahlander