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DATE: **Thursday, May 20, 2021**

TIME: **6:30 PM**

PLACE: **Zoom Meeting**

ADDRESS:

ROOM:

Meeting Minutes

Members Attending: T. Gazda, R. Klinkhammer, R. Schneider, M. Carignan, S. Pustell, J. Kelsey,

Members Absent: D. Antonelli, J. Haouchine

Public Present: D. McNurland

6:30 Public Input

- D. McNurland Reported that there might be a slight delay in completion of the Phase 2B Bridge over Rt. 2 on the BFRT. The problem is that it is taking longer than expected to build the approaches to the bridge. Completion now expected to move from Fall of 2021 to Summer of 2022.
- The latest version of the TIP has Phase 2D in Sudbury off of 2022. T. Michelman has started a petition to keep it on the 2020 TIP and would appreciate signatures on the petition.
- The Friends Received a Message from Tim Faucher complaining about various aspect of the repairs to the trail in Chelmsford. He is a roller skater (not a roller blader) and finds the repairs to make the trail unfriendly to his use. The style of the message was seen as excessively angry and they had no intent to respond. The BPAC officers had also seen the message and the consensus was to not respond to the message.

6:40 Announcements

- R. Schneider mentioned that with the easing of pandemic related rules on May 29th and removal of the State of Emergency on June 15th, boards and committees may be able to resume in person meetings. Awaiting instructions on this.

6:50 Update on Trail Repairs (T. Gazda)

- T. Gazda reported that repairs to the trail made under the MassTrails Grant are complete as of May 20th. Repairs to the Katrina Road Sewer Pump Station are complete and repairs to the trail are expected to be completed by May 28th.

6:55 Status of Bench Donation from Diane Leath (J. Kelsey)

- J. Kelsey indicated that Ms. Leath liked the suggested location south of High Street for her bench. She will be ordering the bench and will communicate when a ship date is available.

7:05 Status of Bench Donation from Elena Theofilopoulos (R. Klinkhammer, T. Gazda)

- Ms. Theofilopoulos selected one of the two suggested locations identified by R. Klinkhammer and T. Gazda along the trail about halfway between Cushing Place and High Street. She will be ordering the bench and will communicate when a ship date is available.

7:20 Pond Street Kiosk Status (T. Gazda)

- T. Gazda reported that no response was received from the Nashoba Tech Carpentry shop as to whether they are still interested in the project and if so, whether it can be completed in the autumn 2020 semester.
- There is also concern given the large increases in lumber prices in the past year whether the available funds given by the Friends will be adequate to buy the materials. BPAC has leftover funds from the portable toilet funding requests that could be

applied to this project. It is a term of the funding request that any leftover funds in each year only be used on projects that benefit the trail.

- T. Gazda will look into alternate sources to purchase a prefabricated kiosk or kiosk kit in the event that the Nashoba Tech Carpentry Shop decides to not do the project.

7:20 Update on Brick Donation Program for Carol Cleven Park (S. Pustell)

- S. Pustell reported that he could not find any local companies that would sandblast donor information into bricks already in place. He also reported that Laser etched brick would be more durable as the process converts the etched area to a glass-like material.
- He also found a vendor where blank bricks can be purchased for about \$12 each but etched bricks would be about ~ \$23 each with a minimum order of 100 bricks. Minimum Order of \$250 for 10 bricks would include free shipping.
- It was agreed that this project needs a detailed plan to work. This would include measuring out the area in front of the interpretive displays with a path to the trail to determine the total number of bricks needed and to be able to construct it much like a paver patio would be constructed.

7:30 Approval of Meeting Minutes - Regular Session April 15, 2021

- A motion to approve the minutes of April 15, 2021 as amended was made by J. Kelsey and seconded by M. Carignan. Motion carries. Abstention by S. Pustell.

7:40 Update on new BPAC Email Address (R. Klinkhammer)

- A town email address for BPAC was requested and granted. The email address is BPAC@townofchelmsford.gov. Since the town uses Outlook via Office 360 Webmail some matters related to access and means to log in need to be worked out. BPAC officers will have access and forwarding from the BPAC Gmail address will be set up by J. Kelsey.

7:50 Updates:

Trail Maintenance Program (B. Schneider)

- R. Schneider reported that some of the railing along Heart Pond was removed and it appears that some work will be done to shore up the embankment so that the trail surface will not break off at several spots in this area.
- T. Gazda reported that Mass DOT was contacted about a significant amount of offensive graffiti in the Rt. 3 tunnel and under the I-495 bridges over the trail

BPAC Account Status (T. Gazda)

- T. Gazda reported that \$280.00 was paid out to United Site Services for the portable toilets on the BFRT. Current account balance is \$4,834.22.

7:50 New Business:

- New items for future meetings
 - R. Klinkhammer reported that he received communication from J. Haouchine about discussion items for the street cleaning process in town and whether there are any plans to modify the intersection of Dalton Road, Steadman Street and Subway Avenue to improve bicycle safety as she was involved in a bicycle accident at this location.

8:00 Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn was made by J. Kelsey and seconded by S. Pustell. Unanimous vote.

Next Regular Session: June 17, 2021 (6:30 PM) – Zoom Meeting