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DATE: Thursday, June 4, 2020

TIME: 6:30 PM

PLACE: Zoom Meeting

ADDRESS:

ROOM:

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: T. Gazda, J. Kelsey, R. Klinkhammer, R. Schneider, R. Morse, S. Pustell, M. Carignan

Absent: D. Antonelli

Public Present: D. McNurland

6:00 Public Input

- D. McNurland, a Friends Board Member noted that the BFRT has been busy but a lot of people are not wearing masks. He also received a call from a trail user complaining that there were trees cut down on the property abutting the trail where the new school bus garage is being built. He informed her that it was private property and that perhaps some new screening would be planted when the project was complete.

6:05 Announcements

- T. Gazda reported that the portable toilets on the trail at Cushing Place and Pond Street are expected to be put out on Monday June 8th. They will be serviced daily by United Site Services per the requirements related to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The town will pick up the extra cost of \$300/month/unit for the daily sanitization.

6:10 Status of the BFRT

- The trail is relatively clean but does get crowded at times. Some committee members mentioned avoiding use of the trail for this reason. There seems to be an increase in raw dog waste left along the trail.
- J. Kelsey remarked that the root incursions in various locations along the trail seem to be getting worse. T. Gazda will check on the status of the town's trail grant application/status of that program.

6:35 Approval of Bench Donation Acknowledgement Letter for Cindy McLain

- The letter was reviewed by the committee. A motion to approve as written made by S. Pustell and seconded by R Morse. Unanimous vote in favor.

6:40 Issues with Dalton Road and 110 Intersection (S. Pustell)

- S. Pustell reported that the area from Market Basket to Evergreen Street and leading to Dalton Road is dangerous for cyclists as the merge lane markings are worn out and motorists use the road as if it were two lanes, even proceeding straight past Dalton Road. As Rt.110 Chelmsford Street is state controlled in this area the town cannot remedy this situation. In fact, the lane striping is completely or substantially worn out in the entire State controlled section from Alpine Lane to Rt. 3. S. Pustell will draft a letter for review at the next meeting and it will be forwarded to Mass DOT with a copy for information purposes to the Chelmsford DPW.

6:50 Update of Plans for Carol Cleven Park/Status of Grist Mill Project - (R. Morse, T. Gazda)

- Landscaping and irrigation work in the park area is underway with some trees and shrubs installed.
- T. Gazda reported that the DPW has no idea when they will be able to get to installation of the displays and the additional new bench. Their project schedule has been seriously upset by the virus pandemic situation.

7:05 Update on Art Walk Restoration

- The new murals are finished and all are stored in Bob Morse's barn. The plan is to use the old murals as templates for drilling the bolt holes on the matching replacements so that they use the existing anchor holes in the wall. However, it is unclear when installation will occur due to social distancing issues.

7:10 Update on Pond Street Kiosk (T. Gazda)

- T. Gazda reported that the donated bench and bike racks have been received and are stored at the DPW. Installation date unclear due to DPW backlog.
- T. Gazda will contact Carpentry shop at Nashoba Tech in late August to discuss whether they will be able to build the kiosk in the fall semester.

7:20 Review of Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update (J. Kelsey)

- J. Kelsey will revisit the last working draft of the document and have ready for discussion at the next meeting

7:40 Approval of Meeting Minutes - Regular Session February 20, 2020

- A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by J. Kelsey and seconded by R. Schneider.
- Motion carries. Abstentions by S. Pustell, R. Morse and M. Carignan

7:45 Updates:

Trail Maintenance Program (B. Schneider)

- R. Schneider reported that he gets out on the trail regularly to pick up any trash. Overall it is in good shape.

BPAC Account Status (T. Gazda)

- Balance as of 5/30/20 is \$4074.22. There were no expenditures as the portable toilets were not placed along trail in April and May per the Health Department's recommendation.

7:50 New Business:

- New items for future meetings
 - The idea of raising money for trail repairs was raised but the amount of money needed would be large. D. McNurland said the Friends would likely not get involved in such an effort.

Dates and agenda for future meetings/work sessions

8:00 Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn was made by M. Carignan and seconded by R. Morse. Unanimous vote.

Next Regular Session: July 16, 2020 (6:30 PM) – Zoom Meeting