

# Worcester Recreation Committee Minutes

Location: Doty Music Room

Time: 04/06/2023 6:40pm-8:45pm

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## 1 Members Present

1. Caitlin
2. Tracker
3. Michael
4. Chris

## 2 Approval of Minutes

The committee voted to approve the meeting minutes from 2023-03-02.

## 3 Old Business

### 3.1 Vermont Land Trust Management Plan, Review of Section 4

The committee discussed section 4 and reviewed a map of the natural features on and around the Ladd Field. We decided to table finalizing this section until after we had the opportunity to walk the field with a current boundary map.

#### 3.1.1 Action Items

**Caitlin** Scan Ladd Field map and share with the committee.

### 3.2 Existing Town Trails

#### 3.2.1 Middlesex Trail

Chris shared photos of the proposed Middlesex trail. As it is entirely located within Worcester, it appears to fall under the jurisdiction of the town and thus can be managed by the WRC.

Chris noted that it was rather a short trail and appeared to be used by the neighboring landowners. If it were to be used in the summer, some wet spots may need a small bridge to be constructed.

We reviewed the town trail map, which indicated that the proposed trail includes all of Town Hwy 27, which is 0.2 miles long and labeled as a Class 4 road. We think that Chris' GPS traces cover 0.34 miles, extending North from Town Hwy 27 and connecting to the end of Mackenzie Rd. It appears to run along the property boundaries of these landowners:

- William and Joanne Hoblit
- Michele and Roger Hill
- Jerrold Mackenzie and Katherine Stone
- Fearn Lickfield
- Jeffrey Mackenzie

Chris found an E911 map of Worcester town roads and trails on the CVRPC site that indicated that Mackenzie Rd is, in fact, privately owned. Thus, the committee would need to contact the Mackenzies to get permission for a trail on their private road.

#### 3.2.2 Action Items

**Tracker** Contact Joanne Mankoff with the Middlesex Trails Committee to update her on the information that we have collected about the proposed trail.

**Tracker** Send the mailing list all of the landowner agreement documents that he has collected from the Calais Trail Committee.

### 3.3 Existing Infrastructure Updates

The second round of the basketball court improvement proposal has been submitted. Caitlin fielded the committee's first round of questions and also spoke to a local resurfacers about what our project would likely cost. She was quoted \$95k, but we think there may be some ways to bring this down.

Caitlin proposed pursuing additional grants to support this effort. The next one on her radar is with the Northern Border Regional Commission. We also discussed possibly asking the town road crew to break up and remove the existing court first to eliminate that cost.

### **3.3.1 Action Items**

**Caitlin** Will submit a letter of interest to the Northern Border Regional Commission.

## **3.4 Route 12 Repaving/Bike Lane**

We have coordinated with the organizers of the Muddy Onion Bike Race and the VSECU Point to Point. We will provide power to the Muddy Onion organizers and show them where to place a port-a-potty.

The WRC will have a petition to gather signatures of support for the Route 12 bike lane proposal at the Muddy Onion organizer's tent.

### **3.4.1 Action Items**

**Caitlin** Contact the Selectboard about the port-a-potty location for the Muddy Onion Bike Race.

**Michael** Create a petition about the Route 12 bike lane proposal and share with the committee.

## **4 Next Meeting**

Thursday, May 4th @ 6:30pm at the Doty Music/Arts Room