

**Town of Marlborough
Nature Trails & Sidewalks Commission
Regular Meeting
Marlborough Senior Center/Elementary School
February 28, 2024
7:00 PM**

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1. Roll Call

Russ Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM. Members present: Louise Concodello, Anna Holden and John Kaplan (seated for Sherry Newman)

Absent: Sherry Newman, Jason Close, Jamie Smigel

Also Present: Peter Hughes, Planning and Development Director

2. Public Comments

None

3. Acceptance of Minutes

L. Concodello made a motion to approve the January 24, 2024 minutes as written. A. Holden seconded and all were in favor.

4. Staff Updates – Peter Hughes

- The boat launch project will include extending the sidewalk from the boat launch past Coleman Lane to the boat launch parking lot.
- If Connectivity grants are funded, will use to connect Lake Road to North Main Street and Cheney Road extension to Denler.
- The Blish Park beach sand has washed out partly due to tree removal and partly due to the sidewalks. Plan to put down rubber mats with ADA ramp over. The rubber mats will stay in place to stop the erosion of the beach.

5. Other Business

A. Eagle Scout Project – Trail Head Sign – School Trail

The Eagle Scout does not need to contact the water company or advise the school of the project. P. Hughes will inform the utility company.

B. Ogden Lord Rd – New Trail Creation

R. Johnston noted the trail will be blazed when the weather improves. P. Hughes to order signs.

C. Trail Maintenance

A. Holden read an Adopt a Trail program description. Discussed putting it on the websites.

R. Johnston noted the camp behind the school needs to be removed and there are 3 dead trees near the entrance of Blackledge trail that need clearing.

P. Hughes mentioned Aquarion Water will be placing security fences around the wells behind the school.

D. DEEP Recreational Trail Grant 2024

P. Hughes reported on the DEEP Recreational Trail Grant and discussed reapplying for the Blackledge River Greenway. The engineer will update the cost estimate.

R. Johnston made a motion to request the Board of Selectmen file the application. J. Kaplan seconded. All voted in favor.

P. Hughes noted Public Works will be purchasing a snipping tool able to trim trees. R. Johnston requested going through all town trails once per year for maintenance.

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Briefly discussed trails on State land. Salmon River and Meshomasic State Forest are within Marlborough.

6. Adjournment

L. Concodello made a motion to adjourn at 7:46 PM. A. Holden seconded and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Pearson, Board Clerk