

**Town of Marlborough
Nature Trails & Sidewalks Commission
Regular Meeting
Marlborough Town Hall
August 23, 2023
7:00 PM**

Minutes are considered draft minutes until approved at the next meeting

1. Roll Call

Russ Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Members present were Louise Concodello, Sherry Newman and Jamie Smigel.

Absent: Jason Close, Cenit Mirabal, Anna Holden and John Kaplan.

2. Public Comments

No public comments

3. Acceptance of Minutes

L. Concodello made a motion to approve the July 26, 2023 minutes as written. R. Johnston seconded and all were in favor.

4. Staff Updates

No staff present

5. Other Business

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

R. Johnston reported Kenji Laglois emailed the commission and Peter Hughes regarding whether the town can help fund his Eagle Scout project.

R. Johnston made a motion to request that the Board of Selectmen utilize the open space and land acquisition fund for the Eagle Scout Project to build a kiosk sign at the school trails for up to \$750.00. L. Concodello seconded and all voted in favor.

There was discussion regarding what the finished project will look like and the possible locations for the sign.

B. Ogden Lord Rd – New Trail Creation

R. Johnston reported additional work is needed on the Ogden Lord trail. A work day was scheduled for September 24, 2023.

C. Trail Maintenance

R. Johnston reported he did some maintenance work on the school trail which was overgrown. He will email Peter Hughes regarding whether the Town can mow existing trails once per year. The commission decided to start a “Friends of the Marlborough Trails” Facebook group to entice volunteers to help with trail work. Jamie Smigel volunteered to set it up. R. Johnston noted he would like to clean up the two campsites on the school trail soon.

R. Johnston noted he found a website of people who hike and blog about their walks. One site mentions the trail from North Parker Rd to D.E.E.P. on Rte. 66 as well as other trails in Marlborough.

6. Adjournment

S. Newman made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM. J. Smigel seconded and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Pearson, Board Clerk