

**Town of Marlborough  
Nature Trails & Sidewalks Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Marlborough Town Hall  
September 27, 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, Anna Holden, Sherry Newman and John Kaplan-seated for Jason Close.  
Also present: Peter Hughes, Director of Planning and Development  
Absent: Jamie Smigel, Jason Close and Cenit Mirabal

**2. Public Comments**

Public comment that the commission is doing a good job on trails and the sidewalks look great.

**3. Acceptance of Minutes**

**L. Concodello made a motion to approve the August 23, 2023 minutes as written. A. Holden seconded and all were in favor.**

**4. Staff Updates**

P. Hughes reported sidewalks were repaired in two sections where puddling was occurring. There is one low spot that will be monitored. There is a pile of brush that will be picked up. A few trees were relocated to Blish Park. The sidewalks are being utilized. Need to promote the trails next. He is waiting on the connectivity grant. Will connect the sidewalk from Blish Park kayak racks to the boat launch area. A Connecticut Trail Symposium is scheduled for October 13<sup>th</sup> and will forward information to commission members.

**5. Other Business**

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

R. Johnston reported Kenji Laglois has received approval from the Boy Scouts. The next step is Board of Selectmen.

**B. Ogden Lord Rd – New Trail Creation**

R. Johnston reported the red trail is complete. Will be named Ogden Lord Road Open Space and is a quarter mile loop. Trail will be added to the town website. Trail signs will be ordered “Ogden Lord Road Trail” and “Trail Parking”.

Next work day scheduled for October 15, 2023 9:30-11:30 AM. Will work on the blue trail.

**C. Trail Maintenance**

R. Johnston reported the Nature Trail webpage has the old master plan and modifications will be sent to town hall. R. Johnston questioned if the town can mow the Blackledge and School trails once per year and P. Hughes replied the town has a new piece of equipment that can mow the trails.

**L. Cocodello made a motion to adopt the meeting schedule for 2024. S. Newman seconded and all were in favor.**

Meeting schedule for 2024: 1/24, 2/28, 3/27, 4/24, 5/22, 6/26 7/24 8/28 9/25 10/23 11/20

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**6. Adjournment**

**A. Holden made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 PM. R. Johnston seconded and all were in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Pearson, Board Clerk