

APPROVED AS WRITTEN 6/26/19

Southbridge Trail Committee minutes  
May 9, 2019  
E.A. Petrelli Room

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Attendance: Paul VanCamp, Kevin Buxton, Ken Pickren, Ray Arnold, Pat Charron

Motion was made by Kevin to accept the April 11, 2019 meeting minutes as written, seconded by Ken. Motion passed unanimously.

As Ray is new to the committee, he told us a little bit about himself.

It was noted that the committee has a May 12 trail maintenance day for the QVRT section from Rte 131 to the Dudley line.

It was also noted that the town-wide clean up day is May 18th, did we want to change our date to coincide? It was decided to keep to our schedule and members could be involved in the town day if they wished.

Also scheduled is June 2 for the QVRT section between Crane and Hook Streets.

As for the east end of QVRT, Paul feels that it does not need mowing; there is some trash at the beginning and along the river by the Dudley/Sbdge line. He did mention several things that he observed when he walk the area. Any update on the erosion?

Paul wrote to the Town Manager with regard to the Trail Committee helping with the May 13th Council session concerning the QVRT lease. The lawyer has re-done the lease and Mr. SanAngelo would like the Council to review it first without public involvement.

We discussed various topic concerning QVRT to include the lease, funding, status, feet dragging, etc.

Heritage Trail PR/Promotion:

There is a budget of \$2000 that is up for public review which then goes to Town Council for approval. Hopefully it will be available to us in July.

It was noted that Southbridge Bicycle has moved to the Big Bunny plaza.

We could emphasis the nature loop.

Some ideas that were tossed around: monthly walks (maybe organized by Recreation Committee); dog related activity ( Paul observed alot of folks with dogs); bicycle race ( get local bike group involved - although it was noted that this is a short trail and not best terrain for this type of activity); geo catching or geo coding using clues.

For the dog related option could maybe involved a few pet related vendors: Tractor Supply, Noah's Ark or new dog place in Sturbridge (Paw Plaza).

Any events we have could be promoted at Library, Bike Shop, DOD Center, Arts Center.

Pat will contact Cory about posting the updated Heritage Trails map on The Friends of Southbridge Trails site.

Ken talked of possible walk options with the Recreation Committee.

We had short discussion concerning the term expiration of committee members.

Meeting adjourned at 8 PM

Submitted by Pat Charron 6/10/2019