

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management

RI Trails Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2010

Cindy Julien Gun Owners PAC

Donn DiBiasio RI State Rifle & Revolver Association

Larry Mouradjian RI DEM

Robert Butler Northeast Association of 4 x 4 Clubs

Lisa Primiano RI DEM, Planning & Development

Gregg J, Cassidy RI DEM/Planning & Development

Roy Najecki RI Land Trust Council

Sue Barker Greenways Alliance of RI

Steve Church RIDOT

Denise Poyer Wood Pawcatuck Watershed Association

Eric Weybrant Northeast Association of 4 x 4 Clubs

Megg Kerr RI Blueways Alliance

Jack Lancelotta Jaycee Foundation & PRA/WC

Catherine Sparks RIDEM, Forestry

Henry Cruciani Appalachian Mountain Club

Martha Cruciani Appalachian Mountain Club

Meeting called to order at 3:31 PM.

Introductions

Guests: Eric Weybrant, Marth Cruciani

Sue Barker distributed the latest edition of the “Trail Mix” newsletter

1. Motion to accept meeting minutes of June 15, 2010 meeting. Motion by Bob Butler, seconded by Henry Cruciani. Approved.

2. Gregg Cassidy gave a report on outstanding grants.

o Dawley Farm, Warwick. This grant was awarded in 2003 and has been extended several times. The most recent extension is due to expire the end of this month and the City was contacted for a progress report. No work has been done on this project, the contract expired, and the grant has been canceled.

o Coninicut Island Cart Path, Jamestown. This grant was awarded in 2005 and has been extended several times. The most recent extension is due to expire the end of this month and the Town was contacted for a progress report. No work has been done on this project, the contract expired, and the grant has been canceled.

o South Farm, Charlestown. This grant was awarded in 2005 and has been extended several times. The most recent extension is due to expire the end of this month and the Town was contacted for a progress report. The Town provided a list of tasks accomplished as well as an expense report. The Town is requesting a extension to allow them to complete the last task and submit for reimbursement.

o Veterans Square, West Warwick. Issues with the contract and permits delayed this project but progress is being made. This project is on track.

o Charlestown, Mud Cove. This grant was awarded in 2005 and has been extended several times. Primiano and Cassidy had a conference call with the Town and architect managing the project. This project is on track.

3. Grant extension request.

The Town of Charlestown is requesting an extension of the South Farm grant. A progress report has been submitted; the completion of the project is imminent. Motion to extend the grant for one year made by Sue Barker, seconded by Bob Butler. Approved.

4. Small Grant Requests

Wood Pawcatuck Watershed Association. \$2850.00 to repair storm damage at the Browning Mill Pond Trail in Exeter. Motion to approve Roy Najecki, seconded by Meg Kerr. Approved.

AMC- \$1200 to repair storm damage in Gormley trail in Burlingame Management Area. Most of the activity (and expenses) involve erosion control not construction since the previous bridge will be salvaged and reassembled. Motion to approve by Denise Poyer, seconded by Bob Butler. Approved.

5. Trail Grant Regulations

As discussed in previous meetings, the regulations governing the administration of the Trail grant programs need to be updated. Lisa Primiano asked for volunteers to serve on a Committee to review and revise the regulations. This will most likely involve at least three meetings (in Providence) early in the fall. Steve Church, Denise Poyer, and Roy Najecki volunteered. Lisa Primiano requested other interested people contact Gregg within the next week. Draft

Regulations will be presented to the full TAC for review before becoming formalized.

6. Other.

Lisa Primiano proposed changing the schedule to quarterly meetings due to the increased work load of DEM staff. Other meetings can be scheduled as needed.

Next meeting November 16th at 3:30.

Meeting adjourned 4:13.