

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management

RI Trails Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2011

USDA Conference Room

60 Quaker Lane

Warwick, RI

Gregg J. Cassidy RI DEM, Planning & Development

Robert Butler Northeast Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs

Henry Cruciani Appalachian Mountain Club

Peter Gengler International Mountain Biking Association

Barbara Kilcup Yankee Trailers

Bill McCormick RI Trials Club

Stephen Hogan Gun Owners Action League

Gail Hogan RI State Rifle & Revolver Association

Denise Poyer Wood Pawcatuck Watershed Association

Kevin Nelson Statewide Planning

Jay Aron RI DEM, Forestry

Stephan Church RI DOT

Sue Barker Greenways Alliance of RI

Lisa Primiano RI DEM, Planning & Development

Roy Najecki RI Land Trust Council

Meeting called to order at 3:35

a. Review of meeting minutes of June 21, 2011

Motion to approve the minutes by Bob Butler, seconded by Henry Cruciani. Approved.

b. Current Grants

Gregg Cassidy gave an overview of the status of the grants.

a. Grant Extension Request, Blackstone River Watershed Council, Swift Water Rescue Training (09-08-10).

b. Grant Extension Request, Pawtuxet River Authority, Signage.

c. Grant Extension Request, South Kingstown Land Trust, trail improvements at Yawgoo Pond.

d. Grant Extension Request, South Kingstown Parks & Recreation, Improvements at Old Mountain Field Trail (10-08-06).

e. Grant Extension Request, Friends of the Wm. O'Neil Bike Path, Signage.

f. Grant Extension Request, Foster Land Trust, Ponagansett River Trail (10-08-07)

g. Grant Extension Request, Narrow River Land Trust, Signage.

h. Grant Extension Request, Smithfield Land Trust, Trail

improvements at Jim Russell Preserve.

i. Grant Extension Request, Pawtuxet River Authority, Veterans Square Canoe Access (36-90-05).

The first four grants (a through d) have already been completed and submitted for reimbursement but it is unlikely it will be processed before they expire so we notified the grantees to request extensions. Several other grants (e through h) have been delayed and need additional time to complete the projects. The last grant (extension request i) has been delayed by permitting but is scheduled to be completed this fall.

Denise Poyer proposed extending all the grants nine (9) months from the original grant end date, seconded by Barbara Kilcup. Approved.

c. Small Grant Requests

a. AMC, Narragansett Chapter. \$2225.00. Trail Improvements at Blackstone Park. Henry Cruciani has been to the Park and spoke about the trail conditions there; it is a heavily used trail system in need of repair. Kevin Nelson made a motion to approve the grant request, seconded by Roy Najecki. Approved.

b. Pawtuxet River Authority. \$3000.00. Trail Improvements. A complete grant application was not received. Discussion of this grant

request was deferred.

d. Other Business

Lisa Primiano mentioned that the De Lasalle Christian Brothers provided her with an update on the project at Black Point in Narragansett but it was received too late to be included on the agenda for the meeting. Archeological issues will require the scope of the project to be modified and the entire trail will have to be constructed above grade. She questioned whether the Committee would need a special meeting to approve the proposed changes.

Bill McCormick made a motion that DEM review the proposed changes and get back to the Committee if a vote on the revised scope of work is needed. Seconded by Stephen Hogan. Approved.

Motion to adjourn made by Bill McCormick, seconded by Roy Najecki. Approved. Adjourned at 3:55

Next Meeting:

November 15, 2011

3:30 PM

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