

# **Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management**

## **RI Trails Advisory Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**February 21, 2012**

**Roy Najecki RI Land Trust Council**

**Bill McCormick RT Trials Club**

**Gregg J. Cassidy RI DEM, Planning & Development**

**Robert Butler Northeast Association of 4 x 4 Clubs**

**Mike Parker Appalachian Mountain Club**

**Joseph McLaughlin Norman Bird Sanctuary**

**Jack Lancelotta Jaycee Foundation & PRA/WC**

**Steve Church RIDOT**

**Sue Barker Greenways Alliance of RI**

**Jeannine Dougherty Yankee Trailers**

**Denise Poyer WPWA**

**Alvan Moder NE Mountain Biking Association**

**Peter Gengler International Mountain Biking Association**

**Kevin Nelson Statewide Planning**

**Jay B. Aron RIDEM, Forestry**

**Stephan Hogan RI Rifle & Revolver Association**

**Meeting called to order at 3:35 PM.**

- **Kevin Nelson was serving as Chair for this meeting since Lisa Primiano is on leave.**

- **Motion to accept meeting minutes of November 15, 2011 meeting by Peter Gengler, seconded by Roy Najecki. Approved.**

- **Current Grants**

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- o **Grant Extension Request, City of Providence, Neutaconkanut Hill Trail (16-90-10). Gregg Cassidy reported that this project is partially complete but weather conditions delayed the final phase. Motion to extend the grant until December 31, 2012 made by Denise Poyer, seconded by Bob Butler. Approved.**

- o **Grant Extension Request, Westerly Land Trust- Grills Preserve (08-90-10). Steve Church reported that archeological review of the site delayed implementation of the grant. Motion to extend the grant until February 15, 2012 made by Bob Butler, seconded by Peter Gengler. Approved.**

**o Grant Extension Request, Gloucester Land Trust. Steere Hill Wildlife Preserve (11-08-04). Motion to extend the grant an additional year (until 2/15/2013), seconded by Sue Barker. Approved**

**• Small Grant Requests**

**a. Norman Bird Sanctuary. Grant request for \$3000.00 for fencing and signage along Third Beach Trail. To restrict access to fragile dune area adjacent to the trail. Joe McGlaughlin summarized the project for the Committee and clarified that the project wouldn't prevent walking up and down the beach but is intended to keep people on the trail and out of the dunes. Motion to approve by Alvan Moder, seconded by Roy Najecki. Funding Request Approved.**

**b. Appalachian Mountain Club. Grant request for \$2400.00 to replace existing bog bridges on Arcadia & Narragansett Trails in Exeter and Hopkinton. USDA, Forest Service design and specifications are to be used. Jay Aron made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Roy Najecki. Funding Request Approved.**

**c. West Bay Land Trust. \$1345.00 grant request to restore damage at Meshanicut Lake Trail in Cranston. Kevin Nelson mentioned that trail work that protects water quality in the Lake is allowable under the**

parameters of the guidelines of the Federal Highway program. Roy Najecki made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Sue Barker. Funding Request Approved. Steve Church mentioned that a cultural resource review and wetland permit may be needed and it's the grantees responsibility to obtain those..

d. Narragansett Tree Society. Grant request for \$1686.97 for trail improvements at Canochet Trail in Narragansett. Roy Najecki made a motion to table the grant since the application was incomplete, Bill McCormick seconded the motion. Funding request tabled.

e. Town of Johnston, Department of Parks and Recreation. The \$3000.00 grant request was for construction of a nature trail on town owned property north of the Police Station. Jay Aron pointed out that some of the items in the budget is for equipment (chainsaw and loppers) that is not typically funded through a trail improvement grant. Roy Najecki and Bill McCormick pointed out that the municipality should already have this equipment. Roy Najecki brought attention to the fact that the grant budget had \$1000 for loam but the project narrative didn't indicate if and how loam was needed. Roy then made a motion to not fund equipment and loam and approve a grant for \$1450.00 Jack Lancellota seconded the motion. Amended Funding Request Approved.

f. Hopkinton Land Trust. Request for \$3000.00 for fencing along

**Tomaquag Trail. The trail is located on a ROW through agricultural fields; the fencing will keep hikers on the trail. Motion to approve the grant request made by Sue Barker, seconded by Roy Najecki. Funding Request Approved. Steve Church noted that the project may need to obtain HPC approval.**

**g. AMC. Grant request for \$3000.00 to install fencing to restrict trail access and control erosion. Peter Gengler noted that this is a small urban park that is heavily used. Peter Gengler made a motion to approve the grant, seconded by Sue Barker. Funding Request Approved.**

**h. Wood Pawcatuck Watershed Association. Request for \$2500 to remove trees that are blocking canoe/kayak access on the Wood River. This grant request was tabled at the last meeting since the budget was unclear. The revised request includes a quote from a contractor to provide the service at a rate of \$42.00 per hour. Motion to approve made by Bob Butler, seconded by Bill McCormick. Funding Request Approved.**

**• Other.**

**Scheduled meetings. The proposed schedule includes meetings to be held on the third Tuesday of the month on a quarterly basis. The next meeting would be August 21st. The annual schedule of**

**Recreation Trail Committee meetings will be posted on the DEM website. Meeting notices are also posted on the Secretary of State's website as well as at DEM Main Office and at NRCS. Motion to approve this schedule made by Sue Barker, seconded by Stephen Hogan. Meeting Schedule Approved.**

**Recreational Trails Program Achievement Award. Steve Church made the Committee aware of this award since the recognition helps generate support in the Program . The deadline for submission is March 31st. Applications are online. Jay Aron stated he intends to submit the Roaring Brook Handicapped Trail.**

**Motion to adjourn by Roy Najecki, seconded by Denise Poyer. Meeting adjourned 4:55.**