

# **Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management**

## **RI Trails Advisory Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**August 21, 2012**

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

**Martha Cruciani Appalachian Mountain Club**

**Henry Cruciani Appalachian Mountain Club**

**Roy Benoit Appalachian Mountain Club**

**Bill McCormick RT Trials Club**

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

**Roy Najecki RI Land Trust Council**

**Al Moder NE Mountain Biking Association**

**Steve Church RIDOT**

**Lisa Primiano RI DEM, Planning & Development**

**Mike Parker Appalachian Mountain Club**

**Denise Poyer WPWA**

**Stephan Hogan Gun Owners Political Action Committee**

**Gail Hogan RI Rifle & Revolver Association**

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

**Kevin Nelson Statewide Planning**

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

- **Motion to accept meeting minutes of November 15, 2011 meeting by Gail Hogan, seconded by Bob Butler. Approved.**

### **Current Grants**

o **Grant Amendment Request- Warren Blue Green Trail (13-90-10). The project is nearly complete and under budget. The Town is requesting to use funds left over in the grant to install signs to promote the project in the downtown area. \$2200 would be used to purchase 25 banners along Route 114. Motion to approve the reallocation of grant funds to purchase signs to promote the project made by Denise Poyer, seconded by Gail Hogan. Approved. Steve Church pointed out that they must receive approval from DOT since Route 114 is a State Road.**

o **Grant Extension Request, Town of Warren, Blue Green Trail (13-90-10). Bill McCormick stated that in the past the Committee has approved DEM automatically extended grants if the scope of work has not changed. Grant extended by DEM.**

o **Grant Extension Request, Wood Pawcatuck Watershed Association (10-08-15) trail improvements at Browning Mill Pond Trail. Denise Poyer stated that they are working with their forth Eagle Scout candidate but expects it to be completed within the revised timeframe. Grant extended by DEM.**

o **Grant Amendment Request- (11-08-10). AMC requests amending the grant to allow the purchase of different equipment than originally proposed. Henry Cruciani stated that the total amount of the grant would not increase since fewer of other items in the original grant proposal would be purchased to allow funds for the purchase of chainsaw chaps and helmets. Motion to change the allocation of the grant made by Roy Najecki, seconded by Jack Lancellotta. Approved.**

- **Small Grant Requests**

- a. **AMC- Grant request for \$500 to install fencing to restrict access to an eroding trail in the Park. Denise Poyer questioned the materials to be used since her copy of the grant application was missing that section. Gregg Cassidy clarified that 40 logs and 28 bundles where the only materials listed. Henry Cruciani stated that the park “was**

**overused and under loved” and that the fencing would be installed by AMC during a work day this fall. Motion to approve by Kevin Nelson, seconded by Roy Najecki. Funding Request Approved.**

**b. Greenways Alliance. Grant request for \$8000.00 to support the production and distribution of “Trails Mix” a statewide outdoor recreation newsletter. The match for the grant is provided by volunteer time involved in the writing, layout, and design of the publication. Stephan Hogan made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Bill McCormick. Funding Request Approved.**

**c. Appalachian Mountain Club. Grant request for \$3000.00 for trail improvements on the Vin Gormley trail in Charlestown. Mike Parker explained to the Committee that this project, which was coordinated with DEM, involved repairing existing or extending existing boardwalk bridges. Cathy Sparks made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Al Moder. Funding Request Approved.**

**• Other.**

**Lisa Primiano updated the Committee on the proposed grant round this fall; the announcement letter is awaiting the Directors signature**

**and should be distributed soon.**

**Jack Lancelotta questioned of how the new transportation bill will affect the Recreational Trails Program in Rhode Island. Steve Church clarified that the Bill establishes a new program to provide for a variety of alternative transportation projects that were previously eligible activities under separately funded programs with the rational of allowing States more flexibility in use of funds. Unless a State opts out, it must use a specified portion of its TA funds for recreational trails projects. Lisa Primiano stated that DEM and DOT will have internal meetings (they haven't taken place yet) to evaluate our options. Steve Church added that State's have until October 1, 2012 to opt out of the Program.**

**Next meeting is November 20, 2012 at 3:30.**

**Motion to adjourn by Roy Najecki, seconded by Bill McCormick.  
Meeting adjourned 4:27.**