

# **Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management**

## **RI Trails Advisory Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**May 21, 2013**

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

**Roy Najecki RI Land Trust Council**

**AL Moder NE Mountain Bike Association**

**Kevin Nelson RI Statewide Planning**

**Jack Lancellotta Pawtuxet River Authority**

**Dwight David Colvin Jaycee Alumni Association**

**Meg Kerr RI Blueways Alliance**

**Mike Parker Appalachian Mountain Club**

**Larry Mouradjian RI DEM**

**Jay B. Aron RIDEM, Forestry**

**Steve Church RIDOT**

**Chet Hayden RI Federation of Riding Clubs**

**Stephan Hogan Gun Owners Political Action Committee**

**Gail Hogan RI Rifle & Revolver Association**

**Catherine Sparks RIDEM, Forestry**

**Silvia Hayden RI Federation of Riding Clubs**

**Bill McCormick RI Trials Club**

**Carl Swanson RI Trials Club**

**Denise Poyer Wood Pawcatuck Watershed Association**

**Sue Barker Greenways Alliance of RI**

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

**Kevin Nelson served as Chairman for the meeting since Lisa Primiano was unavailable.**

**Meeting called to order at 3:06 PM.**

- **Motion to accept meeting minutes of February 19, 2013 meeting by Roy Najecki, seconded by Meg Kerr. Approved.**

- **Current Grants- Review of Grant List.**

**Steve Church distributed a list of trail projects from 2010 to 2013 that he prepared to update the Federal Highway Program database. The list included only large projects that were fully completed. The spreadsheet was difficult to read so it will be forwarded for Committee members to review on their computers.**

- **Small Grant Requests**

1. **Appalachian Mountain Club. \$1560.00 to replace bog bridges around Long & Ell Ponds in Hopkinton.**

**Roy Najecki made a motion to approve the grant request, seconded by Al Moder. Approved.**

**2. Appalachian Mountain Club . \$400.00 to stabilize the covered bridge on Gormley Trail in Burlingame Management Area that has been undercut by erosion.**

**Motion to approve the request made by Roy Najecki, seconded by Gail Hogan. Approved. Larry Mourajian emphasized that Regional Managers (for DEM Parks & Recreation) should be made aware of proposed projects on property they manage.**

**Wood Pawcatuck Watershed Association. \$3000.00 to hire a contractor to clear debris from the Wood & Pawcatuck Rivers to insure recreational access.**

**Motion to approve the grant request by Bob Hogan, seconded by Roy Najecki. Approved.**

**Other Business.**

**There was discussion about the guidelines for trail related education grants. It wasn't clear to Diane Poyer what funds are available annually to fund projects. Steve Church clarified that five (5)% of Rhode Island's allocation to trails from the Federal Highway Administration is eligible to be used to fund trail related education projects. This is about \$30,000 per year but projects must be approved by the Committee before funds are authorized (money isn't**

**carried over from year to year).**

**After discussion, the Committee decided that \$5000.00 should be the upper limit for grants .There was consensus among the Committee that a specific application be developed for education grants and that there be an outreach effort to advertise the availability of trail related education grants. In addition, specific guidance (including a FAQ sheet) should be developed to assist potential applicants**

**Motion to Adjourn made by Jack Lancellota, seconded by Cathy Sparks. Approved. Adjourn at 4:10.**