



MASSACHUSETTS RECREATIONAL TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD

JUNE MEETING - MINUTES

January 11, 2023

Remote Meeting

1:00pm – 2:30pm

Members Present with Representation:

Tim Craig, Co-Chair - Youth Corps
Marianne Iarossi, Co-Chair - Municipal Trail Planners
Bill Boles - Mountain Biking
Liam Cregan - Hiking
Bryce Spare - Skiers/Snowshoers
Kathy Baugh - Community Trails and Greenways Groups
Joe Geller – Rail Trails
Meg Bandarra – Universal Access
Lawrence Tucker – Snowmobiling
Sarah LaValley – Municipal Planning
Mike White – Full Size 4-Wheel Driving

Affiliates with Representation:

Liaisons:

Amanda Lewis – DCR MassTrails
Elijah Fry – DCR MassTrails

Other Attendees:

Erik Boyer – nominee for Local Land Trust/Non-Profits

Meeting Minutes:

Welcome

- As we have several new members and one nominee in attendance, Tim led a round of introductions.
- Approve Minutes from October 11, 2022 Meeting and Annual Grant Review
Tim asked for a motion to accept, which was made by Kathy and seconded by Joe. A verbal vote was taken among members present. Minutes from October 11, 2022 were unanimously accepted.
- Approve Bylaw update
Larry requested revision date attached to bylaws.
Tim asked for Motion to Approve, Larry motioned, Kathy and Joe seconded. A voice vote was taken and bylaws were unanimously accepted.

2023 Grant Review

- Amanda went over the new guidance sheet for reviewers titled “Instructions for Individual Grant Review”
- Guidance sheet contains general information about the grant review process, helpful ways to approach the grant review, and frequently asked questions
- Eli went over the new MassTrails Trails Accessibility Guidelines Checklist
- Trails Accessibility Guidelines Checklist created much discussion about specific application of this portion of the review
- Discussion made this section go longer than anticipated, it was agreed that a second review meeting would occur before the Grant Review to go further into details

MARTAB Membership

- Tim reviewed the process of nominating and voting on new members.
- Erik Boyer, nominee for Local Land Trust/Non-Profit introduced himself, giving background and reasons for desire to join MARTAB. No questions were asked.
- Elizabeth Johnson nominee for cycling alternate, was unable to attend the meeting. Marianne read her credentials, bio, and nomination form.
- Erik excused himself for vote. Discussion was had. Marianne spoke positively about her pre-meeting conversation with Erik, Bill Boles also spoke in support. Bill motioned to accept. Larry seconded. A verbal vote was taken. Erik was unanimously accepted as the Local Land Trust/Non-Profit representative.
- Tim called for a discussion of Elizabeth’s nomination. Members did not have questions or comments. A motion was made by Joe to accept the nomination, seconded by Larry. A verbal vote was taken and Elizabeth was unanimously approved as the alternate cycling representative.
- Tim reminded members about the currently open “office” position within MARTAB and gave brief updates on the standing of subcommittees, particularly looking for more participants in the “Future of MARTAB” subcommittee.
- Marianne reminded members of the current vacancies and asked for support in filling those roles.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Grant Applications are due February 1, 2023
- Annual Grant Review – March 11, 2023, to be held virtually
- Summer – Annual Meeting, June 14, 2023

Meeting Adjourned – 2:30pm

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