



## MASSACHUSETTS RECREATIONAL TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD

### SUMMER MEETING MINUTES

June 12, 2024

Virtual

3:00pm-4:15pm

#### ***Members Present with Representation:***

Marianne Iarossi, Co-Chair – Statewide Land Conservation Organization

Bill Boles - Mountain Biking

Becky Kalagher - Equestrian

Kathy Baugh - Community Trails and Greenways Groups

Liz Johnson – Cycling

Meg Bandarra – Universal Access

Larry Tucker - Snowmobiling

#### ***Alternates:***

Shelby Aquadro - Equestrians

#### ***Liaisons:***

Cynthia Nelson – DCR MassTrails

Elijah Velluti-Fry – DCR MassTrails

Tim Craig - DCR Trails

#### ***Non-Members Present***

Miriam Maistelman

Stephanie Giguere

#### ***Meeting Minutes:***

From 3:00pm-4:00pm, members hiked the All Persons Trail at the Doyle Center and then convened the formal portion of the meeting at 4:00pm within the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission's conference room.

#### **Welcome**

- Announcements/Agenda
  - All Board – Bringing Accessible and Adaptive Cycling in Natick

#### **MARTAB/MassTrails Staff Updates**

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  - Tim Craig – new position within DCR, stepping down from MARTAB
  - Bryce Space – moved out of state, stepping down from MARTAB
  - David Ciernia – new position outside of youth corps, stepping down as alternate
  - Becky Kalagher – after 40 years on two trails advisory committees, passing the torch to her alternate, Shelby Aquadro

- Cindy Nelson – New MassTrails staff
- Libby Knott – Moved into project management; no longer part of MassTrails staff

### **Subcommittee Updates**

- Grant Review
  - No update
- Community Representative
  - Two of three members have left MARTAB, anyone interested please join
  - Want to reach out directly to trail communities for broader diversity of membership
- Future of MARTAB
  - Leader had been out on leave
  - Recent meetings

### **MassTrails Grants and Conference Update**

- Tentative Date for Grant Award Announcement – June 21
  - Location TBD
- Conference
  - Key Note contracted
    - Rachel Hailey of DEI Outdoors
  - Location DCU Center
  - Date October 26
  - RFP for sessions due June 30

### **New Member Candidacy**

- Stephanie Giguere – climbing candidate
- Miriam Maistelman – hiker/walker candidate
  - Introduction and discussion of both candidates
  - Candidates excused for Executive Session

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- New members approved
  - Stephanie Giguere – climbing candidate
  - Miriam Maistelman – trail users with dogs
  - Shelby Aquadro - equestrian

### **Other Business**

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- June 21, 2024 – MassTrails Grant Awards Announcement Event (location TBD)
- October 2, 2024 – Fall Meeting – plan to be in person
- January 8, 2025 – Winter Meeting
- March 8, 2025 – Annual Grant Review
- July 9, 2025 – Summer Meeting

Meeting Adjourned 4:15 pm