



MASSACHUSETTS RECREATIONAL TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD

SUMMER MEETING - MINUTES

June 14, 2023

Remote Meeting

4:00pm – 5:00pm

Members Present with Representation:

Tim Craig, Co-Chair - Youth Corps
Marianne Iarossi, Co-Chair - Municipal Trail Planners
Kathy Baugh - Community Trails and Greenways Groups
Meg Bandarra – Universal Access
Lawrence Tucker – Snowmobiling
Sarah LaValley – Municipal Planning
Erik Boyer – Local Land Trust/Non-Profit
Becky Kalagher - Equestrians
Bryce Spare – Skiers/Snowshoers
Liz Johnson – Cycling
Bill Boles – Mountain Biking

Affiliates with Representation:

Liaisons:

Amanda Lewis – DCR MassTrails
Elijah Velluti-Fry – DCR MassTrails

Other Attendees:

Callum Cintron – nominee for Hiking

Meeting Minutes:

Welcome

- Tim led a round of introductions.

DCR Staffing Updates

- Eli is now full time and will be the main liaison for DCR/MARTAB

MARTAB Updates

- Feedback Survey for Grant Review process
- Subcommittee
 - Not made much progress since asking for participation from folks
 - Strategizing better kick off

GRANT UPDATES

- Award ceremony held in Billerica with LG and Commissioner in attendance.
- 68 grants awarded from entire program, \$11.4 million
- RTP grants are going through federal review
- Press Release and Grant List here - <https://www.mass.gov/guides/masstrails-grants#-masstrails-grant-awards-by-year->

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Fall – October 11, 2023
 - In person field trip, virtual option for meeting
- Winter – January 10, 2024
 - Virtual
- Annual Grant Review – March 9, 2024 (note: originally discussed as March 16)
 - Virtual
- Summer – June 12, 2024
 - TBD

MARTAB Membership

- Liam outgoing member
- Two nominees
 - Callum Cintron (hiking) introduced themselves. They began working at AMC in February 2023 as the Bay Circuit Trail Coordinator. In addition to Bay Circuit Trail duties, works on DEI initiatives particularly on accessibility issues. Worked with Meg on the Trails for All Bill. Lots of work with indigenous communities. Callum answered several follow up questions from the board.
 - Shelby Aquadro (equestrian, alternate) was not present, Becky Kalaghar shared her interests and background
 - Discussed Callum's nomination. Motion to accept nomination by Bill. Seconded by Marianne. Verbal vote, unanimous concurrence.
 - Discussed Shelby's nomination. Liz motions to accept, Tim seconds, unanimous concurrence.

Other Business

- Larry asked about DCR structure
 - Amanda explained the general breakdown of the Trails and Greenways section, specifically how MassTrails is developing
- Liz would like to offer grant writing assistance for organizations and municipalities who may need support
 - Tim thinks that would be a great addition. Should be part of the subcommittees work.
- Erik would like to see a description of the subcommittees. Meg seconds.
 - Tim will send subcommittee survey
- Liz announced the Golden Spike Conference in Natick, October 14. The LG Kim Driscoll will be the keynote.

Meeting Adjourned – 5:00 pm