



## MASSACHUSETTS RECREATIONAL TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD

### JUNE MEETING - MINUTES

October 11, 2022

Remote Meeting

1:00pm – 2:00pm

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

Tim Craig, Co-Chair - Youth Corps

Marianne Iarossi, Co-Chair - Municipal Trail Planners

Bill Boles - Mountain Biking

Liam Cregan - Hiking

Becky Kalagher - Equestrian

Bryce Spare - Skiers/Snowshoers

Kathy Baugh - Community Trails and Greenways Groups

#### ***Affiliates with Representation:***

David Ciernia – Youth Corps

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

Amanda Lewis – DCR MassTrails

Elijah Fry – DCR MassTrails

#### ***Other Attendees:***

Sarah LaValley – nominee for Municipal Planning Representative

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

##### **Welcome**

- Introduced new MassTrails Planner and MARTAB Liaison Elijah Fry
- Approve Minutes from June 7, 2022 Meeting and Annual Grant Review  
Tim asked for a motion to accept, which was made by Bill and seconded by Kathy. A verbal vote was taken among members present. Minutes from June 7, 2022 were unanimously accepted.

##### **MARTAB Updates**

- Tim presented on ongoing conversations concerning MARTAB goals and direction. Topics discussed included creating a clear vision of roles, both short term and long term, confirming community representation through more diverse involvement, engaging and leveraging our experts through creation of a board officer role and subcommittees, and a new MARTAB email: [trailsinmass@gmail.com](mailto:trailsinmass@gmail.com)
- Tim asked that folks take a brief survey about the newly formed board officer role and subcommittees.

### **MassTrails Grants and Conference Updates**

- Final approvals of 2022 RTP grants by the Federal Highway Administration have been received and grant initiation has begun.
- Conference registration opened on 10/6. Fine details are being ironed out (meals, buttons, table placement, etc). MARTAB members who wish to assist on the day of the conference should be in touch with Elijah to be added to the volunteer list and registered for the plenary sessions.
- Amanda explained the purpose of and need for nominations for this year's MassTrails Award. The award is given to strong advocates and leaders in the trails community of Massachusetts. Solicitation for nominees typically would have been announced earlier but are on a tighter schedule due to the abbreviated timeline for conference planning. Nominations will be accepted through the next week with a virtual vote completed by MARTAB members afterward.

### **MARTAB Membership**

- Tim reviewed the process of nominating and voting on new members.
- Sarah LaValley introduced herself as a nominee for the vacant Municipal Planning representative and presented her credentials and bio. A brief discussion was had, including a period of Q&A with the nominee. Sarah left the meeting for confidential voting to occur. Kathy motioned to vote with Bill seconding. A verbal vote was taken with unanimous approval of the nominee.
- Meg Bandarra was nominated for the Universal Access user representation. She was unable to attend the meeting. Tim read her credentials, bio, nomination form, and answers to questions submitted by MARTAB members prior to the meeting. Bill motioned to vote with Liam seconding. A verbal vote was taken with unanimous approval of the nominee.

### **Other Business**

- Eli discussed MARTAB's current social media presence on Facebook. Current admin duties are split between MARTAB members. Bill mentioned that the page itself isn't used that frequently. It was decided to look further into this and other social media options as part of the long-term vision of MARTAB.

### **Upcoming Meetings and Events**

As a general rule, fall and winter meetings will be held virtually with potential for holding the annual review and annual meeting in person depending on the current public health conditions. Meeting dates will be on Tuesdays (except the annual review, which is on Saturday):

- *MassTrails Conference – workshops and field trips November 9 – 11, Plenary Session November 12*
- *Winter – January 10, 2023*
- *Annual Grant Review – March 11, 2023*
- *Summer – Annual Meeting, June 14, 2023*

Meeting Adjourned – 2:02pm

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