

Massachusetts Recreational Trails Advisory Committee
MINUTES
October 10, 2017

Location: *Conference Call*
Time: *8pm to 9pm*

Members Present with Representation:

Larry Tucker - Snowmobiles
Bill Boles – Mountain Biking
Andrea Franklin - Hiking
Charlene Saulnier – Dog Walking
Joe Geller – Rail Trails
Dick O’Brien – Community Trails
Ben Phelps - ATV
Becky Kalagher - Equestrian
Dick Williamson - Bicycling
Mike White – 4 Wheel Drive
Pam Browning – Paddling

Meeting Minutes:

Welcome

Approve Previous Minutes

Meeting Minutes from 6/7/17 Approved

RTP Update

Amanda updated the group on the status of the RTP. Grant contracts are being signed for various 2017 RTP grants and more are coming in as the grantees get their contract documents signed. An event was held in September to announce the 49 grant awards, attended by the Lieutenant Governor and Commissioner of DCR. Over 100 community members and grant recipients attended as well

Vote on 2017 MA Trails Award Recipient

During the conference registration announcement process on the Trails Conference website, nominations were solicited for the 2017 MA Trails Award. We received 5 nominations. It is MARTAB’s award so the group must now vote to identify the recipient for this year.

After discussion of the nominees, Dick Williamson moved to award the Trail Award to Becky Kalagher. Dick O’Brien seconded and a unanimous vote approved this action (Becky Kalagher abstained from the vote)

Trails Conference Discussion

Dick O'Brien has been working on the silent auction for the Trails Conference. Conservation Works staff have been working on soliciting and collecting prizes from various trail –related entities and have collected 5 awards at this point, with possibly a few more to come. Dick proposed that the silent auction be hosted by Conservation Works and that all the proceeds for the auction go to a lucky trails group, chosen through the drawing of their name out of a “hat”. Charlene made a motion for Dick to move forward with this structure for the silent auction and Becky seconded the motion. The group voted unanimously in favor of proceeding with the format.

Meeting Adjourned