

**Massachusetts Recreational Trails Advisory Committee**  
**MINUTES**  
**October 23, 2018**

**Location:**     *Conference Call*

**Time:**         *7pm to 8pm*

**Members Present with Representation:**

Larry Tucker - Snowmobiles

Bill Boles – Mountain Biking

Aaron North – Hiking (Alternate)

Heather Clish - Hiking

Charlene Saulnier – Dog Walking

Dick O’Brien – Community Trails

Ben Phelps - ATV

Becky Kalagher - Equestrian

Dick Williamson – Bicycling

Marianne Iarossi – Municipal Trail Planners

Tim Craig - Youth Corps

**Liaisons**

Amanda Lewis - DCR

Christine Chisholm – Massachusetts Fish and Game

Scott Morrill – EEA

**Meeting Minutes:**

**Welcome**

**Approve Previous Minutes**

Meeting Minutes from 6/12/2018 Approved

**New MARTAB Member/Liaison Introductions**

Tim Craig

Marianne Iarossi

Christine Chisholm

Scott Morrill

**RTP/MassTrails Update**

Amanda, now newly designated as the MassTrails Program Manager, discussed the pending announcement of MassTrails at the upcoming Moving Together Conference

(hosted by MassDOT) on November 1<sup>st</sup>. The website has “unofficially” launched with several pages related to grant funding, resources and new and announcements and will be finalized and official no later than November 1<sup>st</sup>. The team is still developing the MassTrails grant application which is set to launch on Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. Feedback from MARTAB members is welcome and appreciated regarding the website itself and the application.

The criteria comments and suggestions discussed at the previous MARTAB meeting and in the criteria sub-committee are being integrated into the new application, which will not only award RTP funds but will also provide funds authorized through the Environmental Bond Bill, all folded into one application process and funding source. MARTAB will continue to advise on the RTP and review those grants.

Amanda will work on the instructions for the MARTAB grant review process to be presented and discussed at the January meeting. This meeting will be dedicated to discussing and informing all MARTAB members on the process for reviewing individual RTP grants and what to expect at the review meeting. Once the group has received and discussed the process, this should allow for greater confidence in the review process overall and avoid any confusion going forward.

**Meeting Adjourned**