

Bolton Trails Committee

Special Meeting

Wednesday May 25, 2022

10:30

The Bolton Trails Committee met on Wednesday May 25, 2022, 10:30am at Town Hall and through Zoom. In attendance were First Selectman Pam Sawyer, Selectman Bob Morra, Interim Town Administrator Jim Rupert, Gwen Marrison and Rod Parlee.

1. **Call to order** by Pam Sawyer 10:35 am.
 2. **Cook Drive** Bike trail just a worn foot path. Where it borders with State property and Bolton property there is a concrete barrier. There is a very steep incline. Water flows through there possible but improbable to make it an official bike trail. When Lance returns Jim will get his input. The Committee would need to make it handicap accessible (per ADA guidelines). There is a desire to use Cook Drive it's one person wide. There are no plans to further discuss currently. We will revisit this issue at another time. No answers now.
 3. **Trail Connectivity behind old M&M gas station** on RT6. New trail has been approved from Old M&M gas station on RT6 which is all private property. This answers a need. Tried this in Andover with a small business hooked into the trail and there were positive responses. The property site plan has been approved. PZC needs to approve. Needs to have a different slope on Cook dr. M&M will abut to state land. DEEP would need to be notified. Landowner 50' to connect to state land.
 4. **Trail Funding** Town has some money set aside for trails. There are grants out there that we can apply to. Range from \$5,000-10,000 a year. Need funds for maintenance and cost shares. We are not looking for funds currently. New grant for rural communities. Rod will find out if Bolton is a rural community.
 5. **Parking Lot on Hop River Rd** The parks department does cleanup that parking lot. Shelf ready project. Flat, well drained. There are 25 parking spaces. Would like a simple natural parking lot.
Cooper River parking lot is a natural setting but it's not ADA compliant. RT6 is a green area and should be kept that way. This will be taken up at a future meeting.
Rod had a lot of questions that need to be answered and they will be put on next meeting's agenda.
5. a) **Next Meeting** Wednesday June 22nd at 10:30 am.

6. **Adjournment** 11:20am per Pam

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Heckman

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