



NATURE TRAILS COMMITTEE – Arbor Day 2024

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bruce DeVault (Chairman)

Raymond Kelley (Clerk)

Ken Bedard (Member)

Linda Dalton (Member)

Cameron Graves (Vice Chairman)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Michele Piselli (Member)

MEETING AGENDA

1. *Call Meeting to Order*
2. *Review and Approve Previous Minutes*
3. *Scheduling for Millbury Nature Trails “Arbor Day 2024” event*
 - *Scheduled: Saturday, 05/04/2024*
 - *Rain Date: Saturday, 05/11/2024*
4. *Recommendations for Event Planning*
 - *Equipment for event Team Leaders and Volunteers*
 - *Resources for trees:*
Warren (Tree Warden), Bigelow Nurseries, Millbury DPW & Parks Dept.
5. *Roundtable Discussion*
6. *Adjournment*

MEETING

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mr. DeVault called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Bruce provided the Zoom info. Ray read the disclaimer for MNTC.

2. Review and Approve Previous Minutes

Minor formatting edits were made to the minutes. Bruce and Ken reviewed. Ray reviewed during the meeting.

MOTION: **Approve the minutes.**

1st: Bruce; 2nd: Ken. NO vote.

3. Scheduling for Millbury Nature Trails “Arbor Day 2024” Event

- *Scheduled: Saturday, 05/04/2024*
- *Rain Date: Saturday, 05/11/2024*

Jacob's Eagle Scout badge presentation is the event date originally discussed. After discussion, the event will be pushed to May 4th with a rain date for May 11th. Bruce will confirm where and when the Eagle Scout presentation will be held. He will reserve about 5-6 chairs.

4. Recommendations for Event Planning

- *Equipment for event Team Leaders and Volunteers:*
United Rentals on Rt. 20. Millbury Nature Trails Committee told Bruce to submit a letter to the corporation stating what we need/want for the event.
- *Resources for trees:* Warren (Tree Warden), Bigelow Nurseries, Millbury DPW & Parks Dept. Warren told Bruce that he won't be able to talk to anyone on the East Coast get prices until mid-March. Need to see if we get 1 foot trees or 2-3 foot. The warden recommendation was to reach

out for information on River birch, red oak, white oak, white pine, e.g. natural resources to area. We need to confirm how big the trees we are going to get before we order the equipment. Bruce has reached out to Bigelow Nurseries and a tree farm in PA. Warren noted that we should anticipate a loss of 25% of the plantings. He also suggested staggering the plantings to make it look natural.

5. Roundtable Discussion

- Bruce will be meeting with the Conservation Committee tomorrow. He will be soliciting funds to purchase the trees. He will also ask Warren to contribute. We have to remember that deer can wipe trees out (eat them).
- Bruce spoke to Rick Bedard. Rick has no problem with Millbury Nature Trails Committee using the lot and putting a flyer up for the event.
- Bruce hasn't reached out to IBA yet.
- Bruce has reached out to the Police and Fire chiefs. Currently, construction vehicles are in the West Millbury Fire Station lot.
- The fireplace company that's adjacent to the trailhead said that he's okay with up parking there; however, the property has been sold and we need to confirm closer to the date. We do have access to the Windle field lot for parking and signage. Have to check on busing availability.
- The school has two committees that want to help out. Paul McQuade on the Environmental Council. Need to confirm the contact for the other group.
- Bruce will find out who the abutters to the trail are and send them letters informing them of our event.
- Bruce hasn't touched base with the scouts yet. Bruce will be meeting with various town people.
- Karen has been appointed as the Town Manager. Bruce will approach her about the liability sheets. Warren needed more information before he could commit.
- Ken will be at a Maple Sugaring event this weekend and will see DCR people. Ken wondered what he should approach them to help with for this event. These guys trailblaze. Bruce said that any equipment they have would be great. The areas are pretty rough right now (lots of briar, ruts and shrapnel).
- Bruce will be up at Brierly every weekend until Arbor Day. He will also try to be there most days this week. Vicky will meet up with him this week.
- A member of the community inquired as to the width of the trail. Bruce replied that it will be about five feet wide. We are staggering the trees every 25-feet.
- Ray will reach out to Patricia Arp. Ray mentioned that Patricia said that Connor in the Town Hall would be a good resource – he worked on the N-Grid Tree grant.
- This Zoom information will be the correct one to use for the Arbor Day 2024.
- Bruce will talk with Parks Department and DPW.

6. Adjournment

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting @ 8:00 pm.

1st: Ken; 2nd: Ray. Mr. DeVault took a vote. The vote was unanimous and carried without any further discussion.

**Signature of Attendees and Approval for Minutes from
Tuesday, February 20, 2024**

Bruce M. DelVento

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Raymond D. Kelley

Kenneth Y. B. S.

Luis D. Datta

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