



NATURE TRAILS COMMITTEE – Arbor Day 2024

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS: PRESENT ☒ / ABSENT ☐

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bruce DeVault (Chairman) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Bedard (Member) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michele Piselli (Member) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cameron Graves (Vice Chairman) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rachel Decatur (Member) | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Raymond Kelley (Clerk) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Linda Dalton (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

Bruce called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Ray read the disclaimer for the Millbury NTC and provided the Zoom info.

2. Review and Approve Previous Minutes

- Review and approve February 20, 2024 minutes tabled until next meeting (March 19, 2024).
- **NOTE: There were no meetings on February 27th or March 5th.**

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

No change: • Scheduled: Saturday, 05/04/2024 • Rain Date: Saturday, 05/11/2024

4. Recommendations for Event Planning

We’ve had a lot happening over the past few weeks as we missed a few meetings due to conflicts with other events in town. Bruce has communicated to the committee via texts/email.

• EQUIPMENT

- United Rentals request list: 25 pickaxes, 50 spade shovels, 25 crow bars/pry bars. Bruce to send contact information for United Rentals to Linda.
- Water Barrel: Bruce is working on getting a 55-gallon water barrel out there.

• RESOURCES: Flyers and banners

- Banners: Two banners ordered. One banner will be at the fence of Windle Field. The other will be at the Arbor Day location.
- Flyers: Twenty flyers ordered. Committee members will divvy up the flyers and hang at key locations throughout town.

- **RESOURCES: Trees**

- Bruce has been pricing fast growing trees, e.g. white maple, red pine and river birch.
- Bruce is going to conservation with the prices and the Tree Warden. The hope is to get total coverage on the costs from them.
- Cameron said that we should be able to cover the costs in the interim until we are reimbursed. We currently have a little over \$3,900 in our budget.

- **PLANNING: Millbury NTC Site Visit = March 30th at 8:30 AM**

- A trail 15-feet wide has been cleared (trail avoids the briar patches).
- The whole 1,200 ft. trail is accessible and has been marked for trees.

- **PLANNING: Group Leaders = Cameron and Ray will be group leaders for the event.**

- **PLANNING: Boy Scouts**

- Michelle reached out to Kelly Stickney. She has to send some information to the scouts for their round table.
- Rachel wants to get the flyer to post to the scout's site. When Rachel posts it on the "Heart of New England" site it will get a lot of traction. (29 people currently signed up).

- **PLANNING: Event Signup Sheet**

- Bruce wanted to know if we all received emails re: Blackstone River sign up sheet. Regarding potential issues, e.g. trips and falls, cuts, bugs, etc.
- Ken will draft language for signup sheet.

- **PLANNING: Millbury Nature Trails Committee Meeting = April 9th at 7:00 PM**

- The 1st "Millbury Nature Trails" meeting in April will be on April 2nd. The next meeting will be on April 9th.

- **PLANNING: Event Day Parking**

- We already have permission to park at Windle Field. Bruce needs to find out about buses still. Michelle has volunteered to drive the bus.
- We need to speak with the new Mill owner for the event.
- We need to send a formal notification to the abutters regarding the event.

ADJOURN: Ken and Ray @ 8:06.

5. **Roundtable Discussion**

Linda to send Bruce the minutes for the February 13 and 20th meetings to take for signature.

6. **Adjournment**

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting @ 8:06 pm.

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

**Signature of Attendees and Approval for Minutes from
Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM**

Chris M. [Signature]



Raymond D. Kelley

Kenneth G. Benson

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