

Bike & Trail Committee Meeting  
**June 21, 2023, 7:00 P.M.**  
Community Center Meeting Room, 8 Simpson St, Newtown, CT 06470

**Minutes**

These minutes are subject to approval by the Bike & Trail Committee (BTC).

Attendees: Jim Bernardi, Glenn Boyle, Robert Morris, Charles Zukowski. Absent members: Brad Accettella, Geordie Elkins, Dan Evans, Greg Ritzinger. Members of the public attended: Matt Mihalik, Barney Molloy.

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Molloy was pleased that two members of the public were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Bernardi made a motion to approve the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Morris. All in favor. Motion passed.

**CHAIRPERSONS' REPORT**

- Mr. Zukowski reported that Mr. Foster submitted his resignation and no successor has been installed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Mr. Zukowski noted that the Bicycle Playground opening is tomorrow at 5:00 pm.
- The Chairperson reported that a fall event related to the Al's Trail Project is expected.
- Mr. Zukowski reported on the June 10<sup>th</sup> trail maintenance event at the Rochambeau Trail (Reservoir Rd). The group did significant clearing but was not equipped to remove the large (two foot diameter) fallen tree. There was discussion about who might be able to do the work; Public Works, NBLA and a local arborist, who is also an avid trail enthusiast, were mentioned.
- Mr. Zukowski noted the next trail maintenance/review could be done at the First Light property section of Al's trail and there was general agreement this made sense. The next trail review is now scheduled for July 8<sup>th</sup>, meeting at the power line crossing over Albert's Hill Rd at 10am. On the ground, one can see a power company access road with cattle gate closures limiting access to authorized persons. (The meeting area is just west of the intersection of Valley Field Road North and Albert's Hill Rd. There is parking available on Valley Field Rd. and at the Newtown Forest Association Mulliken property at 103 Albert's Hill Rd, west of Cavanaugh Brook and Valley Field Rd). Please spray and dress appropriately, given the prevalence of ticks. Only light tools (e.g. clippers) should be needed, as this is primarily a trail status review event.
- Mr. Zukowski noted that the subsequent trail maintenance/review event on August 5<sup>th</sup> is to be done in conjunction with Reverie Brewing's initiative to support Newtown trails, and will be for maintenance of portions of Al's Trail.
- Grant status is unchanged from May.
- Paper Road Status Update – No change since May.
- Monitor Hill Rd trail reroute approval is still pending.
- Cooperation with other organizations is encouraged by BTC and is ongoing.

Bike & Trail Committee Meeting  
**June 21, 2023, 7:00 P.M.**  
Community Center Meeting Room, 8 Simpson St, Newtown, CT 06470

**Minutes**

NEW BUSINESS:

Rob Morris reported that a Bike and Trail Committee email address ([btctownct@gmail.com](mailto:btctownct@gmail.com)) has been set up in conjunction with a Mailchimp account to allow the BTC to inform interested persons of events and provide a contact method for members of the public to communicate with the BTC. An email was sent to the list of attendees at the last public event and only one email address was invalid. He also created email sign up sheets to be used by the public, planned to be available at events such as the Bicycle Playground opening and the Reverie Brewing August 5th event.

No other new business was presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Bernardi made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Morris. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by Glenn Boyle, Secretary