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## **Bike/Walk Committee Minutes | Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 6:30pm via Zoom**

### **Roll Call**

Recreation Director Andrew Rogers, Ruth Camus, Larry Dubois, Lucia Foley, Marilyn Gass, Caroline Martin

Meeting started at 6:35pm

Minutes from May 10, 2022 will be forwarded for review and approval at the August meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Treks**

Caroline has experience with trails and could help to develop Treks. She will also reach out to a friend who is knowledgeable about flora and fauna who might be able to help lead an October Trek on the River to Range Trail.

Marilyn has some contacts who might be able to provide some expertise, too, and will touch base with them. Lucia and Ruth can assist with planning and be available during Treks. Larry will also send an email to our mailing list to see if we might be able to recruit some volunteers to help with Treks, too.

Fall dates and locations were set, with a Winter/Spring schedule still TBD. Except for the Trek in September which will be held in conjunction with the Woodlawn Park Dedication, Treks will continue to be held on Sundays at 1:00pm.

#### **FALL:**

- Sat, September 10 (time TBD)—Woodlawn Walk at park dedication
- Sun, October 16 at 1pm—River to Range Trail (prepare Trek promo/member recruitment piece to hand out in Sept)
- Sun, November 6 at 1pm—Leaping Well Nature Trail (possible walk up to the Aboretum across the street, too)

#### **SPRING:**

- Bynan Conservation Area—Larry will check best times for vernal pools so we can set a date
- Town historic walk—Marilyn will invite other entities to meet with us at an upcoming meeting to start planning:

**G1-14:** Develop historic walks around town (ST)

(Primary Entity-Historic Commission; Subentities-Disabilities Commission, Bike/Walk)

### **Get Ready to Ride!**

We were fortunate that the weather held, and overall things went well. While the Bike Rodeo turnout seemed small, it was in line with what was anticipated by those running that event. Participants seemed happy, vendors did well, and the Batch ice cream truck was a hit.

### **Master Plan—Status Update**

Lucia will review the Goals/Actions spreadsheet forwarded by the Master Plan Implementation Committee, provide status notes for items we are involved with, and email everyone. Actions for which Bike/Walk is the primary entity are:

**G1-1:** Development of brochures/trail maps, support for wayfinding (ST)

**G1-2:** Encourage families/school children to use/enjoy outdoor resources (I)

**G2-1:** Create master map for locating outdoor seating/gathering areas (ST)

**G3-2:** Develop commemorative bench program (ST)

### **Committee Organization**

Steve, Natasha, and Chris elected not to be re-appointed in June due to time and/or family constraints. We will need to recruit new members and plan some publicity to recruit additional members.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Woodlawn Park Dedication Events – Sat, September 10**

Bike/Walk will participate by leading a Woodlawn neighborhood Trek (time TBD based on the day's event schedule). The Trek was mapped out last year, so Lucia and Ruth will meet before the end of July to finalize details and time to advise Andy ahead of the next event committee meeting on August 2.

For the event we'll need copies of:

- Bike/Walk general and recruitment info
- Woodlawn neighborhood Trek map
- Senior Center outdoor fitness station equipment info sheet

The schedule of events is:

- 11am to 1pm—Woodlawn Park Dedication  
Dedication ceremony, welcome the Senior Center's new South Hadley Tiger (formerly at PeoplesBank), face painting, fitness activities with Tanya, yoga on the lawn, kid-friendly activities, whiffle ball home run derby, soccer demos, etc.
- 1-4pm—Adult Cornhole tournament (advance registration, fee)
- Evening Jazz Concert for Seniors/Adults (beer/beverages available)
- Extra parking at Woodlawn Plaza/Rocky's will be available

**Buttery Brook Park**— Andy is studying ADA-compliant seating for Buttery Brook Park. Larry suggested a 'pioneering' trek at Buttery Brook Park to assess possibilities for new trail, as part of a possible PARC improvement grant application (68% reimbursement). Andy wondered if Buttery Brook Friends would be able to assist with funding for a conceptual plan from a landscape architect with maps, plans, and cost estimates needed in order to apply for a grant.

### **Remote Meetings / Open Meeting Law Extension**

An extension is being discussed, but has not yet been finalized by the legislature. Everyone should contact their legislators to advocate for permanent extension, as online meetings increase participation and access for all.

### **Community Seating**

The Master Plan Implementation Committee hosted 'A Conversation About Community Seating' with Bike/Walk on Friday, June 24, 2022 from 11am to 12pm via Zoom. Recreation Director Andy Rogers attended, along participants from the Friends of South Hadley Seniors and TRIAD, Commission on Disabilities, Bike/Walk, Conservation Commission, MPIC, Redevelopment Authority, and the Tree Committee. Participants from the Planning Board, Historical Commission, and DPW were unable to attend, but will be updated. Actions in the Master Plan on creating a map of seating/gathering areas and a commemorative Bench Program were discussed. A meeting report will be forwarded, which will include links to South Hadley's ADA-Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan, and examples of bench programs in several other Massachusetts communities.

The next meeting will be at **6:30pm on August 9, 2022 via Zoom.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Lucia Foley, Member