

## **Natick Trails Maintenance Committee(NTMC)**

Place of Meeting: Date of Meeting:

Morse Institute Library

Room 1A Wednesday, April 18, 2012, 7 pm

Present:

Greg Michalopoulos, Chair, Natick Trails Maintenance Committee (NTMC)

Pat Conaway, Clerk, (NTMC)

Sarah Hannah (NTMC)

Bob Severance, (NTMC)

Bob Watjen (NTMC)

### **Meeting Minutes** (draft):

NTCM Chairman, Greg Michalopoulos, called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm.

Areas of interest and focus were discussed:

1. Signage / Standards – Bob W.
2. Properties Matrix w/ mapping a spread sheet – Sara
3. Contact Person for Trail Stewardship Program – Bob S.
4. Trail Buddies, mobilizing volunteers – Pat
5. Internet – Social Media connections and promotions – Greg

A brief discussion revealed some differences in vision for the NTMC Committee. We agreed to address these issues at the next meeting

We substantially agreed on a prototype type of sign (Dark brown stained wooden rectangle with white routed lettering) (similar to many DCR trail signs).

We also like the white rectangular painted blazes (w/ possibly the introduction of other colors, e.g., red and blue) depending on the trail network.

Bob W. offered to develop a simplified trail signage template which we can review and approve at our next meeting.

Different perspectives persist on how to bridge this process with the Town Forest Trail Committee

Bob S. offered to draft a proposal for a Trail Stewardship Program.

Although we tentatively selected 5/10 as a Trail Steward "Meet and Greet" Activity, looks like we'll need a little more time to put this together.

We reached agreement on a Proposed Budget for 2012 -13

<b>Item</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Total Price</b>
Kiosk	5	\$800	\$4,000

Kiosk hoods	11	\$75	\$825
Off-site signs	6	\$50	\$300
Mutt Mitt dispenser station	6	\$59	\$354
Mutt Mitt refill bags	6	\$20	\$120
Map dispenser	10	\$24	\$240
Printing	N/A	N/A	\$300
Web development	N/A	N/A	\$400
Heavy duty weed wrench	1	\$190	\$190
Total			\$6,729

Notes:

- Kiosk locations: Eisenmenger South, Pegan Cove, Tim Coolidge Wds, Pine Woods, Lilja – Mathworks Trails
- We decided to postpone more robust requests for tools: chain saws, weed whackers, loppers, parking area enhancements, etc. until a later date.

Meeting adjourned approx.. 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Conaway, Clerk, Trails Maintenance Committee