

**Charlestown Parks and Recreation Commission
Ninigret Park 5k Trail Subcommittee
Wednesday April 13, 2016 4:30 PM
Annex Conference Room**

Charlestown Town Hall, 4540 South County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813

- 1. CALL TO ORDER 4:30 PM**
- 2. ROLL CALL: Present: Holly Eaves, Jodi Frank, Julia Chilicki-Beasley, Parks and Rec Director: Vicky Hilton, Town Manager: Mark Stankiewicz, Charlie Vandemoer**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM March 16, 2016: Approved**

Agenda Item 1. Compare and discuss 5k renderings of proposed 5k Multi-Use Trail.

All members agreed that the Trail will be a Multi-Use trail for: running, jogging, walking, cross country skiing, biking, bird watching, bike touring. There will be No Horseback riding allowed on this trail.

Committee compared and contrasted maps rendered by Steve McCandless, Charlie Vandemoer suggested that the 5k trail veer off the road, just prior to bend in the road and before entrance into the Ninigret Refuge.

Town Manager Mark Stankiewicz will contact Bradford Engineering to understand the **proposed** Bike Trail and the **draft** Multi Use Trail Map. Town Manager also suggested getting feedback from other parties in the park regarding the proposed trail.

All members agreed that signage would be needed for clear communication that dogs must be leashed for the safety of the Wildlife and for surrounding neighborhoods. Dogs on leashes will be mandatory on the Multi Use Trails.

Discussion on whether it should be named the 5k course or if it should be called- Multi Use Trail system.

Discussion on whether Landscape Architect was necessary. Mark S. mentioned that the course be built to last; and have it built correctly. Bid could be less than \$3000 for Bradford to engineer it through the town manager.

Trail needs to be wide enough for the maintenance crews to come through and maintain the native plant species.

The trail needs to be at least 8 feet wide with a 1 foot wide edging. Varied surfaces would be available and allowed on this course, causing some restrictions for handicapped accessibility for certain sections of the trail.

Gravel pit area: Safety knee wall would be a consideration. Seek landscape architect advice.

Invasive Species abatement, the Town Manager suggested it be on a separate budget.

Maintenance for the trail would be specifically for the 5k course.

Agenda Item 2. Discussion and potential action for proposed budget for sanctioned 5K course.

Holly Eaves created a line item Budget including all necessary items and any new items discussed.

Agenda 3: Tasks for next meeting

Julia Beasley: Schedule and announce date for 5k to be professionally measured.

Holly Eaves: Solicit feedback from the Frosty Drew organization regarding draft 5K trail.

Next Public Meeting: May 2, 2016 6:30 PM, Place Annex Room at Town Hall

Meeting Adjourned at 5:45