

TOWN OF NORTON

Alternative Transportation (Committee)

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Date: January 10, 2024 Time: 6PM

Location: Norton Media Center

Members & Staff Present:

Karen Kentr-Potty
Janel Twogood
Beata Schmid
Scott Holman

Members Not Present:

Linda Kollett
Kathleen Ebert-Zawasky

Guests:

Sandy Ollerhead

The meeting was called to order at: 6 PM_

Minutes from the November, 4, 2023 Meeting were reviewed and Approved with no adjustments.

Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions:

- Update on Trail Construction:
Various topics covered and concerns/questions raised:
- Trash: There will be containers at Cobb and N. Washington crossings. Possibly more to come. Matt will have the info. Service will be provided by Town of Norton.
- Mowing /trees: Service will be provided by Town of Norton.
- Dog Cleanup: Some discussion about dispensing bags. Concerns about maintenance raised. Suggestion made to post signs reminding people to "Please pick up after your dogs."
- Equestrian use of trail:
 - The trail is established as a shared use trail.
 - Karen will initiate outreach to local equestrians to get them involved, i.e., managing expectations, establishing etiquette, understanding their needs, spreading the word.
- Horse manure: Talked about asking for a volunteer clean-up core able to respond to alerts using social media via Friends of the Trail to ID cleanup needs on a frequent and ongoing basis.
- Update on Friends of the Trail:
 - Activities:
 - Fundraising
 - Maintenance/Cleanup

- Plantings
- Signage updates within the Kiosks
- Adopting convention for trail right-of-way
- Communication
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- Implementation
 - Step 1: Incorporation: Sandy Ollerhead will be filing for 501(c3) Non-Profit Corporation.
 - She needs to include 1 person each from Mansfield and Norton on the application.
 - Janel volunteered to rep Norton.
 - Beata and Sandy reaching out for Mansfield rep.
 - Step 2: By-laws (already available)
 - Step 3: Kick-off meeting - voted to host first meeting at 10am on March 23rd, 2024.
 - Place: Checking to see if there is room to have it at the Mansfield Airport. Karen will contact them.

Open Session:

Discussion about reaching out to businesses who may benefit from proximity to the trail, e.g.,: Hanger 13, Old Station, Bog Iron, other restaurants, and services.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM until the next meeting TBA.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes Approved by Committee on: _____
(Date)

Linda S. Kollett, Secretary

Signatures:

(Name & Title)

Chairman, _____
(committee)