

**Air Line Trail Steering Committee**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**June 29, 2022**  
**Portland Riverfront Park Pavilion**

Present: Chantal Foster, Tom Ladny, Lou Pear, Rosario Rizzo, Rick Sharr, Carol Winiski; Alternate Carol Bozena

Absent: Steve Byrne; Alternate Bill Flood

Public: Jay Asikainen, Linda Dutcher

1. **Chairman Call Meeting to Order** – Rosario Rizzo called the regular meeting to order at 6:36 pm.
2. **Roll Call/Seating of Alternates** – Carol Bozena seated for Steve Byrne.
3. **Agenda Accepted** – There was a motion by Lou Pear seconded by Carol Bozena to accept the agenda. Vote unanimous, motion carried.
4. **Accept Meeting Minutes** – There was a motion by Lou Pear, seconded by Tom Ladny to accept the Meeting Minutes from the May 25, 2022 Regular Meeting. Vote unanimous, motion carried.
5. **Public Comment** – None.
6. **Old Business** – None.
7. **New Business**
  - a. **Butler Construction Meeting** – Riz, Lou, Ryan and Joe Dillon met with Dan Lally from Butler to discuss a revised trail route. Joe Dillon to review for feasibility, things are moving forward.
  - b. **Dairy Queen Update** – The DQ folks are considering routes on their property, but this is contingent on where the trail departs the Butler property.
  - c. **Trail Extension at YMCA** – It appears someone has cleared a “trail” that extends from the end of the ALT onto what is either YMCA or Butler property.
  - d. **CT Trails Day Report** – Great turnout – 18 hikers, successful partnering with Meshomasic Hiking Club and Middlesex Land Trust. John LeShane did a great job as usual, Riz sent thank you notes to all (thank you, Riz).
  - e. **East Hampton Trail Update** – Once again, it appears that there is funding available for moving this project forward, stay tuned.
  - f. **Pollinator Garden** – The site has been prepared, expect planting in the fall. Thanks to Bob Sequenzia for his efforts.
  - g. **Port-O-Let** – Has been removed from the Keegan trailhead parking lot. Sadly, dog walkers are placing their dog poop bags in the toilet which is causing the operator problems during the pumping out process. Not sure if it will return.
  - h. **Potluck Dinner in August** – For our August meeting (8/31), we will hold a Potluck dinner at the Riverfront Park pavilion. Gathering will start at 6 pm, Chantal will organize, be on the lookout for info in mid-August.
  - i. **Mowing and General Maintenance** – The town crew continues to do a good job, but the Depot Hill kiosk area needs attention. Riz is looking for assistance/equipment to handle this area; Lou will work on keeping the Breezy Corner intersection clear and Bob Sequenzia will work on the fencing above the trestle.
  - j. **Other New Business** –Matthew Smith contacted Riz regarding a possible Eagle Scout project on the trail. We would like to consider having a bike repair station installed, Riz will communicate this to Matthew to see if it is an appropriate project. **PLEASE NOTE for the July meeting, we will be back in the Library as the Pavilion is booked for this date.** Reminders will be sent.

8. **General Discussion/Communications/Correspondence** – Riz shared that trail usage since the initial COVID surge has been steadily dropping.
9. **Adjournment Meeting** – There was a motion by Tom Ladny, seconded by Rick Sharr to adjourn the regular meeting. Vote unanimous, motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm.

Our next meeting is a Regular Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, **July 27, 2022 at 6:30 pm, Portland Library.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chantal Foster  
Recording Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Chantal Foster', written in a cursive style.