

Pemi Path Subcommittee

April 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Buz Kenney, Christina Goodwin, Jan Collins, Beth Gever, Bill Dowe

Guest: Don Moyer, Northern Rail Trail board member

Meeting called to order at 5:10 pm

PPSC members in attendance reviewed the subcommittee's actions to date for Don Moyer. Mr. Moyer conveyed his support for what Bristol is seeking to accomplish and indicated that NRT could be more supportive once the PFAS situation is resolved and USACE has given the subcommittee express permission to pursue funding, design and construction. Mr. Moyer indicated that NRT primarily relied on Recreational Trail Program grant funding for trail construction and ongoing maintenance. Because such annual grants are limited to \$80,000, NRT can only construct 1 mile of new trail per year. Volunteers are utilized for ongoing trail maintenance, with a small portion of RTP monies dedicated to maintenance materials.

Mr. Kenney recounted that in conversation with NHDES regarding funding for PFAS testing and remediation, he was told that NHDES could only deal with the property owner, USACE. In a subsequent call with USACE, Mr. Kenney was told that USACE was seeking to identify funding sources. Since there had been no further communication from USACE, Mr. Kenney was tasked with contacting USACE for an update and to request an outside date for completing PFAS soil testing.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm