

Approved as written 10/10/19

**Southbridge Trail Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 6:30 PM
Location: Evelyn A. Petrelli Room**

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:34 PM

2. Attendance: Members present: Kevin Buxton Ray Arnold, Ken Pickren, Paul Van Camp
Others present: Tiffany Arnold

3. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2019 meeting made by Kevin Buxton, seconded by Ken Pickren and approved unanimously

4. Current Business: Discussion of how to proceed following the town council meeting on the QVRT proposed lease from MassDOT:

- Request town manager to explore with the town of Dudley their interest level in leasing the QVRT from the state either directly to each town or to DCR;
- Solicit the help of Senator Fattman and Representative Durant to assist in facilitating an acceptable transfer of the QVRT to DCR or the towns.
- Determine if DCR can be persuaded to take over the trail and or if MassDOT is willing to enter into a less onerous lease than the initial draft that was provided.
- Schedule a meeting with all interested parties to undertake the project.
- Trail committee and town should be prepared to apply for state trail grant by 2/1/2020 whether a lease is feasible or not

5. Ongoing Business: Next scheduled trail maintenance day is Sunday July 7 at 9:00 AM on McKinstry Brook South. Paul to pick up paint from Scott Benoit and schedule trailblazing for Heritage and Cole Forest trails.

6. Setting of Next Meeting Date: Tentative next meeting date is July 11, 2019

7. Members' / Citizens' Other Comments: None

8. Adjournment: 7:40 PM