



# Town of Sudbury

## Rail Trails Advisory Committee

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### MINUTES

August 17, 2023 AT 7:30 PM

#### Site Visits of Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT) and Mass Central Rail Trail (MCRT) 195 North Rd, Sudbury (Davis Field Parking Lot)

**\*Note: There were no deliberations at this meeting.**

**Members Present:** John Drobinski, Glenn Pransky, Kenneth Holtz, Laurie Eliason, and Lana Szwarc

**Others Present:** None

**Absent:** John Sugrue, and Frank Vitale

**General comments** – Can we use QR codes with an organizational seal (to indicate they are supported by a recognized group) linked to maps, description, etc. at trail connections and points of interest?

**Bathrooms** – Portable toilets are much less expensive to locate and maintain than permanent toilets, appear to be less prone to vandalism, and are usable all year. These have been set up by the Friends of the Bruce Freeman rail Trail (FBFRT) at several locations north of us along the trail.

**Trails and connections** – We will discuss pursuing those with Ms. Rasmussen when she returns.

**North Road / Davis Field** – Not used much for organized sports now, so a potential hydration station might get more use at the North Road rest area on the Bruce Freeman rail Trail (BFRT). Can the project include development of more handicap parking spots at the end of the spur to Davis Field?

**Pantry Road Crossing** – Rail Trails Advisory Committee (RTAC) members noted that this could be a dangerous intersection especially for cyclists approaching from the North, as both cars and cyclists will be going downhill and thus potentially traveling faster. Questions about whether an auto-detection system to activate flashers (installed on the BFRT at 960 Main Street, at Route 27 crossing) would be better here.

**Broadmeadow** – Need to verify which amenities and connections will be installed. Is a portable toilet the best way to provide a bathroom at this location for now? Will parking be problematic once baseball season is underway?

**Parkinson field** – Another potential location for porta potty. Need to check design of the connector trail to make sure there's access at the field entrance for Town vehicles to maintain the field. Another potential location to develop paved handicap parking. Nearby hydration station planned at Hudson Road seems to be adequate for this area.

**Diamond** – Good location for hydration station. Possible to find a way to use some of the adjacent land SE and SW of the Diamond to develop additional parking?

**Horse Pond / MCRT crossing** - The adjacent field to the SE has a permanent agricultural restriction. Is there a trail on this property that we could link to?

Next site visit (in about 2 weeks) will focus on the MCRT.