

**TOWN OF MILFORD
Milford, Massachusetts**

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NOTICE OF MEETING

Board, Commission, or Committee **Milford Upper Charles Trail Committee**

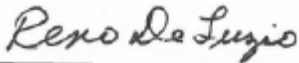
Date and Time of Meeting **Tuesday, February 14, 2023, 7:15 P.M.**

Place of Meeting: **Town Hall, Room 14**

Matters Anticipated being subject of discussion:

AGENDA

1. Approve the previous meeting minutes.
2. Invitation to speak.
3. Proposed Amendment to the General By-Law Article 34 to allow the use of Electric Bicycles (E-Bikes). See Attachment 1.
4. Walden Woods Rt. 85 Connecting Path to the Bike Trail Status.
5. Trail Committee going forward.



Reno DeLuzio, Chairman

Dated: 2/8/2023

The listing of matters above are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Town of Milford General By-Law

Article 34 (Excerpts)

**REGULATING USE OF TOWN OF MILFORD BICYCLE PATHS,
TRAILS AND ASSOCIATED AREAS**

[Proposed changes due to the E-Bike addition & clarifications are subject to Town Counsel review and approval.]

Section 1. DEFINITIONS

ADD

Electric Bicycle (E-Bike) -- Shall have the same meaning as in section 1 of chapter 90 (Ref: MGL ST Chapter 176 Section 14, Chapter 85 Section 113/4). Motorized bicycle - A pedal bicycle which has a helper motor. (Ref: MGL Chapter 90 Section 1)

DELETE

~~Rail Trail—Any former railroad right of way utilized by the Town of Milford for public recreation and transportation. Rail Trails are typically paved, signed, and have structures (gates, bollards, etc.) to control motorized vehicular access. (Comment: The Milford Bicycle Path as defined in this By-Law has the characteristics of the Rail Trail definition. Whether or not segments are on former railroad right of way is irrelevant. No need for this definition.)~~

**Section 3. REGULATIONS FOR USE OF BICYCLE PATHS AND RAIL
TRAILS, AND ASSOCIATED AREAS**

MODIFY

- a. No person, shall use or operate a motorized vehicle or device of any kind, or a device or vehicle capable of motorized operation, except ~~E-Bikes~~, Authorized maintenance vehicles, Emergency vehicles of the Police Department, Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services, or other emergency service upon or within the Town of Milford Bicycle Path or Trail, or associated areas, to include but not be limited to an automobile, truck, motorcycle, snow vehicle, moped, scooter (except ~~motorized~~ scooters used by ~~people~~ persons with disabilities for mobility), mini-bike, pocket-bike, ORV, or ATV, unless said area is specifically designated for the parking, placement or operation of motorized vehicles.

ADD

E-Bikes are permitted upon or within the Town of Milford Bicycle Path. E-Bikes shall not be operated on a trail designated for nonmotorized traffic if such trail has a natural surface tread made by clearing and grading the soil and no surfacing materials have been added (Ref: MGL ST Chapter 176 Section 14, Chapter 85 Section 113/4).

E-Bikes are permitted Class 2 and below and speeds must be kept low, below 15 mph. (Ref: Holliston Upper Charles Trail Regulation except their speed limit is below 20mph.)

MODIFY

Motorized vehicles of any kind or type, ~~except E-Bikes~~, shall not be operated or placed upon or within a Town of Milford Bicycle Path or Trail, except if said vehicle or device is being utilized to provide mobility to a handicapped person who would otherwise be

prohibited from access because their physical ability of movement would otherwise be challenged or impaired and provided further that said vehicle or device is not an automobile, truck, motorcycle, snow vehicle, moped, scooter, mini-bike, pocket-bike, ORV, or ATV.

- b. Any motorized vehicle, as defined in G.L. c. 90 s. 1, found in or upon a Town of Milford Bicycle Path or ~~Rail~~ Trail, or associated areas, unless specifically authorized, shall be subject to towing ... etc.
- c. No person shall utilize the Town of Milford Bicycle Path or Trail, or associated areas, for horseback riding or any purpose other than for recreational or transportation purposes via bicycle riding, roller skating, rollerblading, walking, jogging, running, snow shoeing, or cross country skiing, all of which may only be accomplished by human propulsion **except E-Bikes**. Said users may ride, at a maximum, two-abreast only when it is safe to do so.
- d. No Change
- e. No Change
- f. Wherever possible, pedestrians and bicyclists shall keep to the right side of the Bicycle Path or Trail. When passing, Bicycle Path and ~~Rail~~ Trail users shall alert others with an audible signal (voice, bell or horn), and shall pass to the left only when it is safe to do so.
- g. Bicycle Path and ~~Rail~~ Trail users shall stop at intersections and obey all regulatory signs and pavement markings.
- h. No Change.
- i. No Change.
- j. No Change.
- k. No Change.
- l. No person shall promote, sponsor or engage in any race, rally or organized ~~trials~~ **trail** events on or within a Town of Milford Bicycle Path or Trail, or associated areas, except upon compliance with all By-Laws of the Town of Milford and permission and licensing by said Town.

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