

*A Natick Select Board Resolution  
Honoring Joshua Ostroff on the Opening of the Cochituate Rail Trail*

*Whereas, the Cochituate Rail Trail officially opened on September 28, and has already been enjoyed by tens of thousands of users; and*

*Whereas, Joshua Ostroff has been instrumental in bringing the Cochituate Rail Trail (CRT) project forward since 2005, first as a community volunteer, then in his role as member of the Natick Board of Selectmen, and subsequently as chair of the CRT Task Force and Chair, then member of the CRT Advisory Committee, and as a founding member and Director on the Board of Directors of Friends of Natick Trails, and all along as a Natick Town Meeting Member and booster; and*

*Whereas, those years and his efforts have seen the CRT be railbanked, funded through various sources, designed, and built; with each successful completion of each of the project's many stages - and each stage's many substages - necessitating Joshua Ostroff gaining extensive technical and governmental expertise, which he's done willingly, and which expertise he has devoted eagerly to the public good; and*

*Whereas, over the years Joshua Ostroff has collaborated with and acted as liaison to hundreds of state and local officials and entities, including early and more recent CRT volunteers, Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen and Select Board, the Conservation Commission, the CRT Task Force and the CRT Advisory Committee, CRT abutters, Natick Town Administrators, planners, engineers, public safety, and DPW, our state delegation, the Governor's office, MassDOT, the MPO, MAPC, DCR, and many others; and*

*Whereas, no complication or setback was too daunting, no task too large - or too small - to command Joshua Ostroff's attention and to be improved by his unending energy and optimism;*

*Now, therefore, be it Resolved that the Natick, Massachusetts Select Board hereby honors, thanks, and congratulates Joshua Ostroff on the occasion of the opening of the Cochituate Rail Trail; and that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to him forthwith by the Natick Select Board.*

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*Karen Adelman Foster, Chair*

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*Richard P. Jennett, Jr., Vice Chair*

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*Michael J. Hickey, Jr., Clerk*

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*Susan G. Salamoff*

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*Paul R. Joseph*