

Town of Sudbury Massachusetts
RAIL TRAIL CONVERSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting Held March 30, 2005
DPW Building Conference Room

PRESENT: Pat Brown, Madeleine Gelsinon, Dennis Mannone, Jennifer Pincus, Bill Place, Dick Williamson, Carole Wolfe, Nancy Powers, Bridget Hanson, Bob Hall.

Not Present: Eric Poch, Gregory Hunt, Debbie Dineen, Bryan Semple (has submitted resignation, not accepted by Selectmen yet).

Also Attending: Town Manager Maureen Valente

1. Opening of meeting at 7:35 pm
2. Public Comment Period: A resident of Pennymeadow Road said she was there to learn more about the committee and the proposed project.
3. Minutes of Prior Meetings: Committee reviewed the minutes of meetings from March 3 and March 10. Minutes of March 3 were amended because as originally drafted, the minutes indicated the opposite of what Ms. Wolfe intended her for comments about the trail's development. Language was revised and the minutes for both meetings were accepted as amended.
4. Election of Officers: Committee discussed the advisability of co-chairs for the committee. After general discussion, Carole Wolfe and Dick Williamson, were voted as co-chairs and indicated their willingness to serve in this capacity. The committee agreed that responsibility for taking minutes would rotate among the committee members.
5. Review of Draft FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions): The committee reviewed each of the questions and answers in the draft document, and agreed on numerous revisions and additions. Dick Williamson will incorporate all agreed upon changes into the next draft and email it to committee members by Friday April 1. Committee members will review and send individual edits and comments back to Dick.
6. Review of Acronyms and Summary of studies document: The committee agreed to review these documents so they can vote on whether to accept them.
7. Next Meeting: The committee will meet on Monday April 4, at 7pm, prior to Town Meeting to see if they could approve the draft FAQ document for release to the public. The committee believes this will be helpful to Town Meeting to

- have available for reading before Article 43 comes up. If it is approved, the committee will post the document on their page of the Town website, and the committee asked Ms. Valente if the document could be reproduced to hand out at Town Meeting. She responded that there is no budget for copying of this document. Mr. Williamson stated he could probably arrange to have copies of the document made on his own. Ms. Valente will arrange for a meeting room at LS and to post this meeting.
8. Position on Article 43. Ms. Valente asked the committee if they would like to take a formal position on article 43, and reminded them that the RTCAC Mission Statement directed the Town Manager to obtain funding for this study, and that part of the committee's responsibilities are to work to address issues through the commission of such a study. On the question of support for Article 43, the committee voted as follows: In support: 9, in opposition: 0, abstaining 1. The co-chairs indicated they would be prepared to report this position to Town Meeting.
 9. Public Comment. Mr. Wallack asked if he supplied studies of rail trail issues if they would be posted on the Committee's web site. Ms. Valente answered he was welcome to submit them to the committee and they could evaluate them and make this decision by vote of the committee.
 10. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.