

**RAIL TRAIL CONVERSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Town of Sudbury, Massachusetts  
Minutes of Meeting on April 6, 2010**

**Present:** Pat Brown (chair), Madeleine Gelsinon, Bob Hall, Bridget Hanson, Nancy Powers, Dick Williamson, Carole Wolfe

**Absent:** Betty Foley, Jennifer Pincus, Eric Poch

**Also Present:** Dan DePompei

**The Meeting was convened at 7:05 P.M. in Room B230 of Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School, prior to Town Meeting.**

The committee determined that Pat Brown would draft minutes for this session.

**Minutes:** The March 25, 2010 minutes of the RTCAC were approved as submitted.

**Presentation of Revised Article #42 for 2010 Sudbury Annual Town Meeting:** Dan DePompei distributed via e-mail on April 4 a revised version of Article #42 addressing the concerns of the RTCAC expressed in the March 25, 2010 RTCAC meeting. He spoke with the Selectmen, who indicated their willingness to support the article as revised. DePompei was advised by the Selectmen that his revised article had been approved at the BOS April 5, 2010 meeting as recorded in their minutes. The Selectmen will direct that Town Staff include an evaluation of alternatives, including alternative alignments, to address issues observed while formulating the concept plan for the trail. The revised article as approved by the BOS, which had a minor change from that distributed to RTCAC on April 4, was distributed to RTCAC on April 6. This version of Article #42 upon which the RTCAC position is based is appended below.

DePompei reported that Conservation Commission supports both the original version and the revised version of Article #42, and that the Community Preservation Commission does not support Article #42.

Because DePompei plans to present Article #42 as a resolution rather than as a motion the RTCAC may not be called upon to voice a position on this article at Town Meeting. However, RTCAC should determine its position in case the need arises.

Bridget Hanson moved that RTCAC accept article #42 as set forth below. Carole Wolfe seconded. Pat Brown took a roll call vote. Pat Brown, Madeleine Gelsinon, Bridget Hanson, Nancy Powers, and Carole Wolfe support the article; Bob Hall and Dick Williamson do not support it. The RTCAC supports the article, but not unanimously.

**The Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 P.M.**

Submitted by Pat Brown on April 7, 2010

Resubmitted by Pat Brown on April 15, 2010

Approved at the September 23, 2010 Meeting

4/08/2010

**ARTICLE 42: *INCORPORATE ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS INTO ONGOING RAIL TRAIL CONCEPT PLANNING***

The motion as it currently reads in the 2010 Town Warrant:

To see if the Town will designate the \$25,000 previously allocated for rail corridor concept plans (Article 27 of the April 2009 Town Meeting), to investigate alternate trails/bypasses for those portions of the BFRT identified as having no meaningful mitigation alternatives. (Town funded Call of the Wild evaluation dated March 2009 with addendums}.

**The new motion:**

**Move that the Town direct Town staff currently assigned (and funded in Article 27 of the April 2009 Town Meeting) to produce a concept plan of the proposed Rail Trail, include as part of their assignment an investigation/study of alternate trail alignments for the specific purpose of avoiding conflicts with the Wetlands Protection Act, the Sudbury Wetlands Administration Bylaw and wildlife issues. Said alternate trail alignment studies will include, but not be limited to, those sections of the proposed Trail identified by completed studies as having no meaningful mitigation alternatives (Town funded Call of the Wild Evaluation dated March 2009 with addendums). Other alignment issues may be studied at the discretion of Town staff. Results of these alternate trail alignment studies shall be considered and presented to the Town at the time of presentation of a concept or design plan.**