

RAIL TRAIL CONVERSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Town of Sudbury, Massachusetts
Minutes of Meeting on October 28, 2010
Sudbury DPW Building Conference Room
275 Old Lancaster Road

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

Absent: Betty Foley, Jennifer Pincus, Eric Poch

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

The Meeting was convened at 7:35 P.M.

Minutes: The revised draft minutes of the meeting on September 23, 2010 were approved unanimously.

Meeting with the Board of Selectmen on November 3 at 8:00 P.M.

The Board of Selectmen (BOS) had granted the request for a joint meeting with the RTCAC. The purpose of this meeting is:

- 1) Allowing the Board of Selectmen to consider the six recommendations approved by RTCAC and posted on the committee website
- 2) Requesting that the documentation generated by the RTCAC, including meeting minutes and membership, remain easily accessible on the Town's website
- 3) Discussing the current status of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail project, particularly describing the results of concept planning by Town Staff, and
- 4) Describing plans for both the project and the RTCAC for the coming year and the more distant future

Nancy Powers specifically reminded the RTCAC that the BOS had promised a “go/no-go” decision by December 2009 (postponed from December 2008) and particularly requested that the Board be asked for an expected timeline on when a decision on this project can be expected. Bridget Hanson specifically requested that the BOS be asked whether a planning or visioning session with citizens will be held by Town Staff to gather input to use in creating a concept plan. Bridget recommended that such a session be held to freshen the data collected at the 2006 design charrette held by Fay, Spofford, & Thorndike as part of the preliminary engineering assessment.

Bridget also suggested that we be able to respond to the question “What would you recommend?”

Dick reported he may be unable to attend the BOS meeting; he has a prior commitment as an elected representative on the Park and Recreation Commission.

Several members had seen the porous pavement installed at the recently opened visitors’ center at the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge and were interested to see how this functions.

Organizational Matters

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 24, 2011.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Brown, November 2, 2010

Resubmitted November 3, 2010