

**Rail Trail Conversion Advisory Committee (RTCAC)
Minutes of Meeting April 26, 2012
Sudbury DPW Building Conference Room
275 Old Lancaster Rd, Sudbury MA**

Present: Pat Brown (chair), Bridget Hanson, Bob Hall, Nancy Powers, Madeleine Gelsinon, late arrivals: Jennifer Pincus, Dick Williamson

Absent: Eric Poch, Carole Wolfe

Also Present: Jim Nigrelli

Community input- There was none.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Bridget Hanson volunteered to take minutes for this meeting.

Past minutes- The minutes of the January 12, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved

Updates Since January Meeting-

March 19 Rail Trail Informational Meeting

Video of this meeting is available on the Town website at Sudbury TV in the RTCAC folder.

March 26 Town Election

Pat Brown congratulated the various parties on their expeditious preparation of material and information for the warrant for the town election March 26.

There were two non-binding public opinion rail trail related questions on the ballot:

Question 1: Should the Town of Sudbury create a recreational Rail Trail more or less on the old rail right of way in Sudbury known as the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT)?

This passed 2288 to 1040

Question 2: Should the Town of Sudbury move forward with designing a 0.5 mile segment of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT) in north Sudbury from Rt. 117 at Davis Field to the Concord Town border?

This passed 2261 to 1056

Westford Town Meeting

Determined that the town of Westford will accept \$5,000 from the Friends of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail to study parking options in Westford.

Draft 2013-2016 TIP

Dick Williamson explained that this will include funding for construction of BFRT section 2A (Acton, Carlisle, Westford) in 2014. This puts construction much earlier than expected. Pat said this will consume most of the MassDOT enhancements funds for FY 2014.

Sudbury Town Meeting

Warrant Articles 34 and 35 are non-binding advisories which reprise Questions 1 and 2 from the town election.

Pat stated that at town meeting there would be no amendments to the questions and no discussion from the floor. She said that she believed the selectmen would be making the presentation.

[She later asked selectmen Haarde about this; he said that actually the selectmen would not be making the presentation, and that each warrant article would have a pro and con presenter.]

Organizational matters- The next meeting was scheduled for May 8 at 7:00 p.m. at LSRHS, location to be determined

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by Bridget Hanson April 29, 2012

Approved as amended May 8, 2012