

Rail Trail Committee Minutes
December 13, 2011

Member attendees: Beth Sagan, Steve Hershberg, Tim Holiner, Carol Lisbon, Mary McLaughlin, Matthew Schmid
Guests: Bob Loebelenz

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. Minutes of 11/29/11 were approved.
2. Updates
 - a. Still working to receive non-profit verification from IHP
 - b. Town Counsel reviewing MBTA request letter and lease agreement
 - c. BCRT looking into legal support of Bay Colony abandonment process –verified that tri-town action would be one abandonment
 - d. Discussed multi-modal aspects of rail: no horses, MBTA lease prohibits motorized vehicles
3. Joined Open Space Committee meeting for update and discussion
 - a. Discussion on activities and lessons from the Upper Charles Trail efforts
 - b. On 12/11/11 Carol Lisbon and Tim Holiner met with Chief McGowan. Deputy Chief Tiberi, Superintendent of Streets Craig Hughes and Town Administrator Dave Ramsay to begin their process of identifying and exploring rail trail issues associated with their respective Town responsibilities.
 - c. Suggested to Tim Holiner that he explore impact of summer heat on T-base surface
 - d. ADA compliance of rail trails requires research
 - e. Reviewed process for ConCom RDA. Abutters within 300 ft. must be notified in writing.
 - f. Discussed methods of keeping Dover’s citizens informed of activities of RTC: reach out to organizations, email.

- g. Matt Schmid summarized discussions with Malden regarding their 3-mile trail financed through a combination of Ch.90 funds, town bonding and private donations.
 - h. Need clarification of Attorney General's position on bidding requirements
4. Actions :
- a. Beth Sagan to research rules, regulations and Town by-laws for rail trails in MA.
 - b. Mary McLaughlin to research "Friends of rail trail" organizations
 - c. Matt Schmid has photos and will take more over winter of Dover rail
 - d. Steve Hershberg to focus on abutters list
 - e. Plan rail trail walks
5. Next meetings: 1/10, 1/24, 2/7, 2/21

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Lisbon