

Rail Trail Committee Minutes  
May 8, 2012, 2012

Member attendees: Greg Hills, Carol Lisbon, Mary McLaughlin, Matthew Schmid

Guests: Martha Bohlin, Stefanie Gould, Alan Moss, Melissa Gramer, Katie Wakely, Mark Howe, Kristin Brophy, Robin Daman, Jen Daman, Elaine Rosenberg

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

1. Minutes of 3/13/12 were approved.
2. Updates: Town Meeting results were reviewed. All agreed that the questions and issues raised were good ones and on our list to study. It was noted that the intent of the Warrant Article was achieved: awareness has been raised.
3. Committee membership: expansion of the committee was discussed and several potential members attended. It was emphasized again that the committee needs to have a spectrum of opinion and we should add 3-4 new members. It was again announced that a new chair needs to be found.
4. Action items:
  - a. Carol will develop outreach/communication plan: it was decided to develop an email list of those interested in being kept informed of RTC progress and events. An announcement will be placed in 3 papers, on the Dover website, and at the Dover Library. A letter will be sent to abutters as well. An insert in the next tax bill will be explored. The actual housing of the email list needs further exploration.
  - b. Mary McLaughlin will continue research and outreach on how other towns develop volunteer organizations, and begin discussions within Dover to determine interest. This information is needed as part of the financial analysis.
  - c. Matt Schmid will identify 8-12 MA towns similar to Dover (size, rural, etc.) that have rail trails or chose not to. He will also develop a list of towns with non-paved trails that we can visit. The former list can then be used as a consistent basis for research, comparisons, etc.

- d. Greg Hills to develop outline for report so insure all issues identified and covered.
  - e. A write-up on the history of the rail was discussed.
5. Future actions: (not inclusive)
- a. Meetings with TTOR to understand their experience with trails and people
  - b. Follow-up meetings with Dover public safety and highway department.
  - c. Obtain issues and concerns from Norfolk Hunt
  - d. Establish time line, to include meetings with abutters, other interested Dover residents, a series of Open Hearings, meeting dates.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 12 7pm

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Lisbon