

Rail Trail Committee Minutes
March 5, 2013

Member attendees: Matthew Schmid, Kate Cannie, Elaine Rosenberg, Mark Howe, Tim Holiner, Greg Hills

Guests: Dennis Dyer

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room

1. Minutes of 2/26/2013 were approved
2. Greg Hills presented an update on the feasibility study. The committee reviewed the various subject areas and coordinated dates for further submissions. Language was reviewed and approved by the committee. Submission dates were established for remaining areas. First draft to be placed on website the week of March 11, 2013 after review by Committee at March 12, 2013 meeting. Committee stressed that the draft is a fluid document that will be added to overtime when Committee has further information to add.
3. MPO study – committee provided feedback and comments regarding the annotation of the MPO documents. Elaine Rosenberg provided suggestions on how to increase the readability of the document with the annotations from the committee. Kate Cannie will reconfigure the annotations and submit to committee for approval. Once approved annotated MPO study will be published on the Rail Trail Committee webpage.
4. Matt Schmid provided an overview of the Warrant Committee Open Hearing process. The Committee will be presenting its proposed warrant article at the Open Hearing on March 18, 2013. Greg Hills will develop a power point presentation that will be submitted to the committee by the deadline of March 14th, 2013.
5. Matt Schmid attended a meeting on March 4, 2013 in Needham for the recreational path that is being considered. The meeting was a public forum for Needham residents to discuss the proposed project and share thoughts, suggestions and concerns. Also in attendance were representatives from Fay Spoffard Thorndike. FST has been hired by Needham to complete a study of the proposed recreational path within Needham. The study is expected to be completed by the end of April 2013.
6. Next meeting March 12, 2013 – committee will review feasibility study and presentation outline for the March 18th, 2013 Warrant Committee Open Hearing.
7. Meeting Adjourned