

Rail Trail Committee Minutes
Tuesday March 19, 2013

Committee members in attendance: Matt Schmid, Elaine Rosenburg, Mary McLaughlin, Tim Holiner, Greg Hills, Mark Howe, Carol Lisbon and Kate Cannie

Attendees: Jack Maxwell, Dennis Dyer and Gerry Clark

Meeting called to order in the Lower Level Conference Room at 7:00PM

1. March 12, 2013 meeting minutes approved.
2. Committee reviewed Town Warrant Open Hearing (March 18, 2013). Committee discussed presentation, reviewed questions asked of the committee. Committee discussed coordination of the Town Meeting presentation. Committee members were asked to develop ideas and suggestions for next meeting.
3. The first draft of the Feasibility Study was posted to the committee webpage. Next steps in the process were discussed. Committee members were asked to continue research and submit information for inclusion in second draft. Elaine Rosenburg suggested the posting of an alert on the webpage inviting individuals to submit questions regarding the feasibility study to the committee via the chair's email address. (This notice was placed on the webpage on March 20th.)
4. Mark Howe and Kate Cannie attended a meeting with Faye Spoffard Thorndike on March 15th. Representatives of FST provided an introduction to FST, provided examples of similar projects and discussed initial areas of focus. Future meetings will be coordinated to determine full scope of service.
5. Kate Cannie attended the DCR Community Rail Trail Strategies meeting (03.13.13). Meeting attendees included members of DCR, MBTA, DEP, IHP and representatives from communities with rail trail projects (in progress and completed). The meeting provided an opportunity to hear about the process and experiences of many organizations. Kate Cannie suggested inviting members of the Danvers and Topsfield Rail Trail groups to meet with the committee.
6. Next meeting: Tuesday April 9, 2013.
7. Meeting adjourned.
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