

Rail Trail Committee Minutes
January 29, 2013

Member attendees: Carol Lisbon, Matthew Schmid, Kate Cannie, Mark Howe, Elaine Rosenberg, Tim Holiner

Guests: Alan Moss, Jack Hoehlein, Jack Maxwell, Martha Bohlin, D.Hayden

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting room

1. Minutes of 1/12/13 were approved.
2. Updates
 - a. Carol reviewed the legal/insurance issues involving the MBTA lease, construction and engineering contracts, and Town Meeting warrant. Town Counsel is involved in exploring these issues. It was confirmed that Town meeting approval is required for the MBTA lease.
 - b. The Board of Health will be submitting a letter to the RTC explaining deer hunting protocols and discussing the tick situation on the Path.
 - c. Kate and Carol met with the Town Planner. It is not clear if a site plan review is required per Town Code but the RTC will present to the Planning Board in the Spring.
 - d. Carol is presenting at the weekly Inspector's Meeting 1/31 to determine if there are any other issues that need to be considered.
 - e. The MPO Feasibility Study is complete. It was decided to place on the website with a cover letter and annotations. Carol and Kate will prepare drafts, respectively.
 - f. The Parking Table was discussed. There are 155 spots in Town Center and many more at Caryl Park and the Chickering Fields, both with sidewalk access to the Path, and Channing Pond. Discussions with lot "owners" will occur. The RTC believes there are sufficient spots and no parking lot expansion will be required.
 - g. Tim to research and prepare written report on environmental hazard issue.

- h. Tim reviewed the pros/cons of various surface options. Field trips to see options are necessary. Mark to contact IHP for site recommendations. These will be added to website.
 - i. Elaine has scheduled 3 additional open meetings for interested citizens: 2/9 10-11:30 am, 2/13 7-8 pm, 2/15 11:30-1 pm. Email blasts and notices will be used to inform.
 - j. Elaine will obtain abutter labels for postcard notification to abutters of RTC desire to meet individually with each abutter.
 - k. Mark and Elaine will identify abutters with special characteristics.
 - l. Review of draft Feasibility Study will continue with edits being provided to Greg.
 - m. Northern terminus of Path was discussed.
3. Next meeting 2/12/13 with "Friends" presentation.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Lisbon