

**TOWN OF ASHBURNHAM
RAIL TRAIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 13, 2005
STEVENS MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

The meeting of the Ashburnham Rail Trail Committee was held at Stevens Memorial Library on Monday, February 13, 2006.

Sworn members in attendance: Sallie Thoma, Chris Picone, Barnie Hines, Ken Dolder and Irene Gelinis. Janet Dolder was absent. Ex officio member, Eric Smith, Town Planner attended. Cec Snow (ACT) attended. Brian Moorhead and Paula Gorrell attended as interested residents.

Sallie called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Ken made a motion to approve the December 2005 minutes and Chris made a motion to approve the January 2006 amended.

OLD BUSINESS

Eric informed the committee that we officially own from Willard to Williams Road. Kelly, our contact with the engineering firm has left. SEA has bought the company and we will probably continue with them. Design plan needs to go out to bid (3). Eric will prepare a survey on what use the town wants, type of surface, general info, etc. After the replies are tabulated, a town meeting will be held. In April, we will invite Public Safety Committee, Cushing Academy and Post Office Reps for input on off trail access.

Chris informed us that the meeting with ConCom was encouraging. They stated that we are reestablishing an existing structure so approval would be likely as long as we meet the requirements and file proper paperwork. Brian Connaughton will flag the wetlands for us in late April when weather is better. Mark with a GPS Unit.

Sallie will contact Kevin to make arrangements to set up a separate account with town just for rail trail donations. Forms for rail trail donations will be prepared. Cec is looking up sample forms.

Sallie sent a letter with map to Board of Selectmen re: "triangle". Town Counsel has the paperwork to review. Sallie submitted Rail Trail Report for Town Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Eric has received the Purchase & Sold Agreement from the railroad to purchase Williams Rd. to Turnpike Rd. An \$800 deposit is being processed. A survey and state approval to follow. Eric has informed Olver's office.

Ken and Janet Dolder will be resigning due to relocation.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Next meeting on Monday, March 13, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Gelinis