

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

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

Sworn members in attendance: Sallie Thoma, Barnie Hines, Ken Dolder and Irene Gelinias. Janet Dolder and Chris Picone were absent. Ex Officio Member, Eric Smith, Town Planner attended late. Cec Snow (ACT) attended. Paula Gorrell attended as an interested resident.

Sallie called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Ken made a motion to approve the February minutes and Barnie seconded.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sallie informed us that Gary Howland could not make a motion to transfer funds over to our bank account because of lack of a quorum. It will be done when that is possible.

Stan Herriott of the Light Department confirmed the month of May for our survey mailing. Eric had a proposed draft as to what it should include, format, etc. This will be finalized at our April meeting.

Cec has sample forms for donations. We need to prepare ours. We will need a committee for Friends of the Rail Trail. We will need volunteers for fund raising, public relations, advertising, grant writers, secretary, etc. We plan to include this with the survey. This also to be finalized at our April meeting.

Eric stated that there has been no further action reference taking the "triangle" by eminent domain.

Eric has received the Purchase and Sale Agreement from Guilford for the Williams to Turnpike section. It needs to be surveyed.

Eric has received grants from MRPC for Environmental Phase 1 Site Assessments. At 8:00 a.m. on March 15th, Eric will walk property with Jeff Hunter of TRC. McCarthy Associates has furnished him with their wetlands data. We will use GPS units to check out things. Further discussion will be held at the April meeting.

Sherry, Rep. Olver's assistant has "earmark funding" only for a longer trail. We would need to apply for funds for the entire trail connecting to Cheshire Line and include cost estimates, bridges, etc.

NEW BUSINESS:

Eric has a proposed Public Information Meeting for June 12th, upstairs at the Library. We will be inviting the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Cushing Academy and Representative Robert Rice.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. Next meeting on Monday, April 10, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Gelinias