

**TOWN OF ASHBURNHAM  
RAIL TRAIL MINUTES  
JULY 10, 2006  
STEVENS MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

The meeting of the Ashburnham Rail Trail Committee was held at Stevens Memorial Library on Monday, July 10, 2006.

Sworn members in attendance: Sallie Thoma and Irene Gelinias. Chris Picone, Brian Moorhead, and Barnie Hines were absent. Sherisa Sterling, interested party attended. Cec Snow (ACT) attended. Ex-officio member, Eric Smith, Town Planner attended. Also in attendance were Richard Goguen, Post Office, Robert Brennan, Police, Jim Tracy and John Moylan from Cushing Academy.

Sallie opened meeting at 6:30 p.m. We invited the above individuals to get their input reference possibility of adding side trails to our main trail. Mr. Goguen indicated the Post Office would not allow people from the trail on their rear parking lot due to truck danger and also no use of toilet facilities. John Moylan suggested we recheck ownership of land between trail and public safety building and by working together there might be a possibility of having the trail between the two buildings. Confirm recorded plan for ownership of land near public safety building that abuts the trail. Sallie stated that we were looking at parking at the foot of Willard Road, Landry Field and other locations not yet announced.

Sgt. Brennan indicated safety issues crossing public ways, road markings, cross walk marking, street lights and support to prevent motorized vehicles. Also cut brush at openings for good visibility. The Fire Dept. would be the ones to rescue an injured person but not representative was present.

The Cushing personnel were both in support of the project and offered to help in any way possible. Cushing students could be used to work on the trail. They also feel it will be a great asset for the Town.

Eric gave the survey responses, over 100. They agreed to all the uses mentioned to include getting to the ball field.

Cec provided a draft of the projected handout. A few comments were made but since a quorum was not present, we tabled it for the next meeting.

Guilford is now Pan-Am Railways. Mark Dymek will attend the next meeting.

The next meeting will be Monday, August 14, 2006. Sallie made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:10 p.m. seconded by Barnie Hines.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Gelinias