

# ASHBURNHAM RAIL TRAIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday April 11th, 2011

A meeting of the Ashburnham Rail Trail Committee was held at the Stevens Memorial Library on April 11th, 2010, and was called to order at 6:38 p.m.

Sworn-In Members in attendance: Barnie Hines, Cris Iacobone, Art Pinsoneault, Sherisa Sterling, and Sallie Thoma.

Also present was: Cec Snow (ACT), Tom Kamila (Monty Tech)

November minutes were approved with changes on a motion by Art and a second by Barnie.

The meeting opened with a discussion, with Tom, about kiosks and signs. Paula had promised to bring pictures of Tom's work in Fitchburg, at Flat Rock and Burbank, but was not in attendance. The committee agreed that signs or kiosks at the Williams Road section and the 150 Center Street section would be good to raise awareness of the rail trail. Tom suggested that we could create inexpensive signs, using vinyl printed signs on latex enamel painted plywood boards mounted on 4" x 4" posts. The signs would state ASHBURNHAM RAIL TRAIL and include a map of the trail and contact information about the rail trail committee.

In discussing the sections of the trail, and their labeling, the problem of the bridge at Whitney Pond came up, and Cris asked Tom what he thought we should do to start getting information about building the bridge. Tom suggested that we talk to the building inspector first, and go from there. Tom stated that he would come back for our meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>, and would bring price estimates with him. He asked us to think about colors and a logo. After Tom left, members discussed colors for the background, paper, map lines, and printing. Cris expressed her liking for the railroad crossing X as a possible logo. Art said that he would bring a number of bike trail maps with him to the May meeting.

Sallie asked the committee if it was time to set a rail trail clean-up date, and we all agreed to wait until May. The date of May 21<sup>st</sup> was set, and Sallie asked that we work on the section from Cashman Hill to Willard Road, focusing on fallen logs and debris. The time of the clean-up will be from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and Sallie promised to bring her gas chainsaw for Art (and hopefully Dean) to use.

The committee agreed that the next meeting would be on Monday, May 9th, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m. with a motion from Sallie and a second by Cris.

Submitted by Art Pinsoneault

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