

ASHBURNHAM RAIL TRAIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday May 9th, 2011

A meeting of the Ashburnham Rail Trail Committee was held at the Stevens Memorial Library on May 9th, 2011, and was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

Sworn-In Members in attendance: Dean Anderson, Paula Gorrell, Cris Iacobone, Art Pinsoneault, Sherisa Sterling, and Sallie Thoma.

Also present was: Cec Snow (ACT)

April minutes were approved with changes, on a motion by Art and a second by Sallie.

Sallie opened the meeting by stating that Tom Ruble wanted to come with us on our rail trail clean-up on Saturday, May 21st. He would like to cut up and take away the wood that is blocking the Cashman Hill to Willard Road section. Sherisa said that she walks there and that there were around 4 trees down across the trail. The committee agreed to Tom's plan.

Art passed around copies of rail trail maps, and Sallie stated that we had a number of copies of an earlier Ashburnham Rail Trail map that she would like to put out in "bluebird boxes" like she had seen on the North Central Pathway from Gardner to Winchendon. Art volunteered to make a box for our display at Downtown Days.

The committee then discussed the work that the Boy Scouts have done opening up the site at 150 Center Street.

Sallie reminded us of two upcoming dates- June 13th for our next meeting, and June 25th for Downtown Days.

The discussion then turned to Downtown Days. Paula talked about our before-and-after pictures, and Sallie asked if we would like to have a theme. Art asked if there would be copies of our trail map for the bluebird box that he would build, and Sallie replied that there were many copies. Sallie said that we should also bring our 25% plan, contribution envelopes, as well as the before-and-after pictures.

Paula showed us her pictures of the kiosks in Fitchburg at the Overlook Reservoir and at Burbank, and committee members reviewed our discussion with Tom Kamila. We decided to focus on the bluebird box for Downtown Days, and then work on the simple signs that Tom described, leaving the kiosk to a later date.

Sallie suggested meeting at her office on June 6th at 6:30 PM to get things together and make decisions about Downtown Days. She also asked that we have our next regularly scheduled meeting of the Rail Trail Committee on June 13th at her office, as well. The committee agreed, and Sallie agreed to do whatever needed to be done to change the venue of the next meeting.

Paula showed the committee a suggested logo for the rail trail, and Art asked for a copy to try to incorporate it into the bluebird box.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m. with a motion from Cris and a second by Dean.

Submitted by Art Pinsoneault

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