

ASHBURNHAM RAIL TRAIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday June 13th, 2011

A meeting of the Ashburnham Rail Trail Committee was held at the Thoma Travel Agency on June 13th, 2011, and was called to order at 6:53 p.m. The meeting was held at Thoma Travel to facilitate our work on our Downtown Day display.

Sworn-In Members in attendance: Dean Anderson, Paula Gorrell, Barnie Hines, Art Pinsoneault, and Sallie Thoma.

Also present was: Cec Snow (ACT), Greg Fagan (selectman)

May minutes were approved, on a motion by Dean and a second by Barnie.

Art told the committee about his visit to Lyman Signs in Phillipston, to discuss having a Rail Trail banner printed for Downtown Day. The committee agreed with the cost and the suggested design, and offered color suggestions for the words and graphics. Art said that he would go to Lyman Signs the next day to put in the order, so that it could be ready in time.

Sallie then asked for suggestions on what materials should be brought to Downtown Day.

Art said that he thought that we should set a date for the next clean-up day, so that could be posted on Downtown Day. It was agreed that Saturday, July 9th from 10 to 12 noon would be our next clean-up day, and that a sign-up sheet would be available at the Downtown Day table. The clean-up would be from Williams Road to Cashman Hill.

The committee then talked about looking into the Williams Road to the gorge section to see how accessible that is.

Paula volunteered to make more copies of the rail trail brochure to be put into the bluebird boxes that Art made.

There followed a general discussion, partly for selectman Fagan's benefit, of the problems that we have with the trail, including the gorges, Whitney Pond bridge, Dymek property, the need for a town planner, grants for engineering work, the state of Old County Road, and the Gardner connection.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m. with a motion from Sallie and a second by Dean.

Submitted by Art Pinsoneault

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