

GEORGETOWN RECREATION PATH COMMITTEE

October 27, 2011

Meeting Minutes 7:00 PM

Town Hall – 2nd Floor Meeting Room

Meeting Opened: 7:06 pm

Committee Member Attendees: (x indicates attendance)

X	Jeff Wade, Chairman (JW)	X	Bill Hastings, member (BH)	X	Bill Munroe, member (BM)
X	Chris Roop, member (CR)	X	Richard (Dick) Paganelli (RP)		

Friends of the Committee:

Guests: Kevin Landry

Abbreviations and Terms: KOD – Kathleen O’Donnell, NG – National Grid, Con Comm – GT Conservation Commission, FST - Fay, Spofford and Thorndike,

Minutes Approval: October 13, 2011 approved as amended

Correspondence:

- 1.

Meetings Attended:

1. Attended Brownfields forum - BH.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. National Grid update:
 - a. Updated license has been returned by NG.
 - b. KOD noted that NG has agreed that we don’t have to repair damage (such as washouts). We must maintain our improvements in original condition.
 - c. We still have questions about certain elements that need to be explained. All to review and provide comments.
2. Project update: Invoice #3, previously approved, was submitted to CPC on 10/23 for approval and payment.
3. Upcoming Priorities:
 - a. Obtaining Easements (4)
 - b. Negotiation with NG about desired changes (e.g. bridges) to the work plan under the License that need to be approved.
 - c. Obtain Lease
4. Brownfield land behind Water Department: The contaminated property represents an opportunity related to the development of the trail. We need to get educated about the property status and look into options about improving the land for use as a park or routing of the trail and parking. The topsoil is not contaminated, only deep soil. The forum sponsor is looking to meet with a town official. Committee voted to authorize BH to pursue putting together a meeting. Also check with Park and Rec committee, Con Comm, selectmen, and other interested parties

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of bridge options with Kevin Landry.
 - a. Kevin is an iron worker living in Georgetown and is an abutter to the trail. He has expressed a willingness to help with the trail.
 - b. Bridge options during License trail:
 - i. Do nothing. This would require not opening sections of the trail and would undoubtedly result in the erecting of unauthorized crossings.
 - ii. Design and building of temporary foot bridges after obtaining NG approval. Costs would be paid from RecPath funds already appropriated.
 - iii. Construction of permanent H2O capable bridges that would be joined to when the paved trail is constructed. Design would come from FST. Costs would be paid from RecPath funds already appropriated or from new MPO funding.
 - c. Kevin presented rough sketches of temporary bridges that he could build that would serve the needs of the License trail. Steel side beam supports with corrugated decking covered with compacted gravel or filled with

- concrete (which would minimize standing water in the corrugation). There are multiple options for railings.
- d. FST has indicated cost for a H20 capable bridge is \$28K for a pre-fab bridge. The vendor is busy with hurricane damage in Vermont so scheduling would be delayed considerably.
 - e. Kevin will work up estimate of cost and manpower required to install a foot bridge about 7 1/2 feet wide. The same design could be utilized for multiple locations where bridges need to be installed or replaced.
2. Nick Cracknell is leaving Georgetown as Town Planner. When a new planner starts we need to engage with them to bring them up to speed on the project and other areas of concern.
 3. Public meeting:
 - a. Press Release will be sent to Georgetown Record and Lawrence Tribune.
 - b. Notice of public meeting and update on trail activities will be mailed to abutters
 - c. Committee moved and approved reimbursement of expenses submitted for the mailing
 - i. RP \$96.80 for postage
 - ii. CR \$31.49 for labels
 - d. Committee assembled materials ready for mailing.
 4. BH will schedule regular meetings for 2012.

Other:

Adjourn: 9:37 pm

Scheduled Committee Meetings (2nd fl. meeting room, 7PM 11/10, 12/8, 12/22

Other Meetings: