

GEORGETOWN RECREATION PATH COMMITTEE

October 11, 2012

Meeting Minutes 7:00 PM

Town Hall – 2nd Floor Meeting Room

Meeting Opened: 7:07 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)				

Guests: Richard (Dick) Paganelli, former member (RP), Howard Snyder, Georgetown Town Planner (HS), Sandy Martin, Abutter, Chuck Keilty, Friend of the committee

Abbreviations and Terms: ConCom – GT Conservation Commission, CPC – Community Preservation Committee, MassDOT – Mass Dept of Transportation, FST - Fay, Spofford and Thorndike, K&P- Kopelman and Paige (Town Counsel),

Minutes Approval: 9/27/12 approved as written

Correspondence:

1. Received 25% plans from FST
2. Received invoice 15 from MassDOT

Meetings Attended:

- 1.

Discussion:

1. ConCom discussion was deferred to a later date since Steve Przyjemski was unable to attend the meeting,
2. Project Update:
 - a. Reviewed current construction phasing possibilities.
 - b. HS advised that the CPC is currently accepting proposals for project funding. Currently under consideration
3. Easements
 - a. Chuck Keilty is a lawyer, knowledgeable about easements and offered to help the committee with such matters.
 - b. In order to open the trail any required easements will need to be obtained
 - c. If the town owns the land in question an easement may not be required. However, if an entity such as Georgetown Electric owns the land, being a legal entity, we would need an easement from them.
 - d. The trail land at Brook St. is owned with a Release deed, meaning the ownership is unencumbered.
 - e. The committee believes there are four easements needed. Three between Andover and Moulton St. and one at Brook St.
 - f. To move forward on the easements:
 - i. We need to have current title search for each property. We can use a previous title search and have them updated to present.
 - ii. Chuck Keilty will investigate mortgages on the properties. And check with the state if there is a specific form required.
 - iii. Need to have accurate plan of the properties
 - iv. Draw up a draft of each easement.
 - v. HS will check with K&P about what, from the perspective of the town, state and federal agencies, will be required.
4. National Grid update
 - a. NG is now saying that the Engineering department requires drawn plans submitted to grant the license.
 - b. Steve Towle is suggesting that we may need to provide protective barriers around each pole.
 - c. JW will follow-up with escalation within National Grid.

Other:

Adjourn: 9:04 pm

Scheduled Committee Meetings (2nd fl. meeting room), 7PM 10/25, 11/8, 12/13 (basement)