

GEORGETOWN RECREATION PATH COMMITTEE

August 28, 2014

Meeting Minutes 7:00 PM

Town Hall – 2nd Floor Meeting Room

Meeting Opened: 7:05 pm

Committee Member Attendees: (x indicates attendance)

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| X | Jeff Wade, Chairman (JW) | X | Bill Hastings, member (BH) | | |
| X | Chris Roop, member (CR) | | Sandy Martin, member (SM) | | |

Guests: Joe and Susan Hattrup , Iron Horse Preservation Society

Abbreviations and Terms: ROW – Right of Way, MDOT – Ma. Department of Transportation, FST - Fay, Spofford and Thorndike

Minutes Approval: July 24, 2014 unanimously approved as written.

Correspondence:

Meetings Attended:

Discussion:

1. Administrative
 - a. Minutes approval
 - b. FST invoice # 35 for \$743.57 approved for payment.
 - c. Moving Together conference – CR and Julie Coolidge (JC) to go. JC must be sworn in as a committee member.
 - d. Annual Report for the town – Annual report is due by September 30th. CR will prepare a first draft for discussion at the next meeting.
 - e. Bill Monroe needs to resign as a member of the committee in order for JC to be appointment to the committee. JW confirmed that he will resign.
2. Project Updates
 - a. Clean-up event happened on August 3rd. With over a dozen turned out to work on the mowing and clean-up of the trail we were able to clear from Andover Street all the way to Camp Dennison. With the exception of the “cow path” bridge needing repairs in order to open it, the trail is now open from Andover Street into Boxford.
 - b. Japanese Knot Weed, an invasive plant, is a major component of the plants that need to be cleared heading north from Andover Street and also north of Pond Street that will need to be carefully dealt with as those areas are cleared.
 - c. ROW Ownership package for MDOT – BH will contact John Hendrickson at FST to determine what we need to provide in regard to the ownership of the ROW so we can move forward with the 25% design public hearings.
3. Member updates
 - a. BH: Iron Horse Preservation’s Joe Hartup joined the meeting to discuss the services they provide and work they have done for neighboring towns including Topsfield and Danvers. Iron Horse specializes in “stone dust” (a hard packed surface) trails and can do bridges. Joe will provide additional information. Any work will need to be put out to open bid.
 - b. Final draft of ROW license – Need to follow-up with SM to get status.

Other:

Adjourn: 9:02 pm

Scheduled Committee Meetings (2nd fl. meeting room), 7PM 9/11, 9/25, 10/9, 10/23, 11/13, 12/11

Other Meetings: None