

GEORGETOWN RECREATION PATH COMMITTEE

October 9, 2014

Meeting Minutes 7:00 PM

Town Hall – 2nd Floor Meeting Room

Meeting Opened: 7:00 pm

Committee Member Attendees: (x indicates attendance)

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

Guests:

Abbreviations and Terms: MVPC – Merrimack Valley Planning Commission

Minutes Approval: September 11, 2014 unanimously approved as amended.

Correspondence:

1. Email from Tiffany Frary received October 5, 2014.

Meetings Attended:

1. September 16th CR attended the MVPC meeting on the Georgetown Branch trail.

Discussion:

1. Administrative
 - a. Minutes approval
 - b. Invoices
 - i. CR presented an invoice for \$85 for the Moving Together Conference. The expense was previously approved and payment of the invoice was approved.
 - ii. CR presented an invoice for \$27 for repair of a flat tire on mower that happened while mowing the trail. Payment of the invoice was unanimously approved.
2. Project Updates
 - a. Tiffany Frary sent an email requesting the committee's thoughts on privacy and security fencing for homes located very close to the trail. The committee will walk the trail past the house to get a better idea of how close it is and what steps might be able to be taken by the committee or the home owner to mitigate the concern.
 - b. BH & JW will meet with Chuck Keilty to discuss legal issues related to land leases and easements.
 - c. BH and CR picked up trash collected from the cleared trail and mowed the trail on September 12th from Andover St to the Camp Dennison turn-off using personal equipment. Portions of the trail had grown a foot since it was cleared on August 3rd. There is increased usage of the trail and areas had grown significantly making the trail less usable.
 - d. BH and CR have assisted Dick Paganelli in doing clearing work between Pond St. and Mill St. The clearing of knot weed continues north of Pond St.
 - e. FST evaluated options related to the routing of the trail in the priority habitat area in the northern part of the trail. They concluded that it would be best to keep it where it is and provide mitigation where needed.
3. Member updates
 - a. CR provided an update on the MVPC meeting on the Georgetown Branch trail between Groveland and Georgetown. Groveland is investigating the feasibility of developing the trail toward Georgetown.
 - b. No follow-up communication has been received from the meeting with Iron Horse Preservation. CR will follow-up with BH.

Other: None

Adjourn: 7:57 pm

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