

GEORGETOWN RECREATION PATH COMMITTEE

October 23, 2014

Meeting Minutes 7:00 PM

Town Hall – 2nd Floor Meeting Room

Meeting Opened: 7:10 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)	X	Sandy Martin, member (SM)		

Guests:

Abbreviations and Terms: K&P - Kopelman and Paige (Town Counsel), ConCom – GT Conservation Commission

Minutes Approval: October 9, 2014 unanimously approved as amended.

Correspondence:

1. Email from Steve Przyjemski.
2. Email from Jon Eichman, K&P, forwarded by Mike Farrell

Meetings Attended:

- 1.

Discussion:

1. Administrative
 - a. Minutes approval
 - b. JW provided notes to CR from 9/25 meeting to draft formal minutes.
 - c. A motion to change the committee schedule to meet once a month on the 2nd Thursday of the month was made and approved. CR will contact BH to schedule the meetings with the town clerk.
 - d. Invoice from FST # 38 for \$193.27 unanimously approved for payment.
2. Project Updates
 - a. Steve Przyjemski requested a memo from the committee on how the clearing went and if there were any exceptions. He raised a question about potential wetlands next to Townsend Oil. JW will respond to the query.
 - b. Jon Eichman from K&P responded to request from Mike Farrell on behalf of the committee to review the draft license form for using private land, in lieu of an easement. SM will talk with him about the license form.
 - c. The request for comment on privacy screening from Tiffany Frary was discussed. Committee needs to visit the Frary property to evaluate the situation and what actions might be possible and appropriate.
 - d. Work status
 - i. CR & BH mowed Andover to the cow path bridge. The surface is improving. Need to walk the trail to evaluate where additional work is needed and organize another work day.
 - ii. Dick Paganelli with help from others has been clearing knot weed from the trail north of Pond Street. The plants removed are being dried and then taken to the Highway Department for disposal.
 - e. Communication –
 - i. The trail is now open and in use but no formal announcement that the trail is open has been made. Need to create and distribute a formal announcement.
 - ii. Discussed possibility of creating a newsletter. A spring and fall mass communication would provide an opportunity to keep people engaged and still be a reasonable work load.
 - iii. Organizing winter events such as a Thanksgiving day walk, snow shoeing and skiing would provide a focus for keeping up interest and be a good community use of the trail.
 - f. Bridge repairs
 - i. In order to really make the trail usable the bridges need attention.
 - ii. Where appropriate the ConCom will need to provide approval.
 - iii. Plans for any work need to be submitted to National Grid for approval.
 - iv. Organizing and pursuing this so we can move forward with repairs in the spring will be an ambitious winter project.

- 3. Member updates
 - a. JW and BH Talked to Chuck Keilty for assistance with land leases for the state.
 - b. Reviewed action items

Other: None

Adjourn: 8:02 pm

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

Other Meetings: