

GEORGETOWN RECREATION PATH COMMITTEE

August 13, 2015

Meeting Minutes 7:00 PM

Town Hall – 2nd Floor Meeting Room

Meeting Opened: 7:05 pm

Committee Member Attendees: (x indicates attendance)

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

Guests:

Abbreviations and Terms: MVMPO (MPO) - Merrimack Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization, FST - Fay, Spofford and Thorndike, CMAQ – Federal Highway Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement program, TIP – Transportation Improvement Program

Minutes Approval: July 9, 2015 unanimously approved as amended

Correspondence:

- 1.

Meetings Attended:

1. MVMPO Meeting on July 28, 2015 attended by CR.

Discussion:

1. Administrative
 - a. Minutes approval
 - b. Invoices approved for payment:
 - i. Trail work party: CR – water for \$6.69.
 - ii. FST invoices #47 for \$494.26 & #48 for \$584.27.
2. Project Updates
 - a. MVMPO has finalized the 2015 TIP and Georgetown has been awarded construction funding for the northern portion of the trail in the amount of \$4,359,973 in the 2019 budget from CMAQ funds. The southern portion is already funded in the amount of \$2,000,960 in the 2018 budget. This means the construction is now completely funded. Note: all other costs other than construction e.g. legal, land, etc. are not covered by this funding and existing town funding will need to be used.
 - b. Trail Maintenance:
 - i. Members of the committee have been in touch with Park & Rec and they have approved taking on the mowing responsibility. CR talked to Peter Durkee about taking over the mowing of the trail. We need to have Park & Rec provide a work order to the Highway Department. Park & Rec is in the process of purchasing a new mower for this work and will coordinate with Peter Durkee.
 - ii. Trail work party was lightly attended. More than just Facebook should be used to advertise events. Progress was made to the knot weed patch north of Pond St. but without a long term strategy it will be an ongoing battle to keep this section clear.
 - iii. Ongoing mowing was done on 7/25 & 7/26 and 8/13. Lumber yard to Pond Street was opened up on 7/26 and there was a considerable amount of trail use on this section observed during the clearing and mowing.
3. Member updates
 - a. SM will follow-up on contacting the law firm for real estate consultation.
 - b. September agenda item: Updates to Board of Selectmen.

Other: None

Adjourn: 7:45 pm

Scheduled Committee Meetings (2nd fl. meeting room), 7PM 2015: 9/10, 11/12, 12/10, 2016: 1/14

Other Meetings: None