

GEORGETOWN RECREATION PATH COMMITTEE

March 10, 2016

Meeting Minutes 7:00 PM

Town Hall – Basement Meeting Room

Meeting Opened: 7:12 pm

Committee Member Attendees: (x indicates attendance)

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

Guests:

Abbreviations and Terms: FST - Fay, Spofford and Thorndike, MDOT – Ma. Department of Transportation, ConCom – GT Conservation Commission

Minutes Approval: January 14, 2016 unanimously approved as written.

Correspondence:

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Meetings Attended:

1. CR attended Groveland Board of Selectmen’s meeting 1/25 representing Georgetown RecPath for a presentation of the Groveland Rail Trail committee.

Discussion:

1. Administrative
 - a. February 11, 2016 meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum.
 - b. Minutes approval
 - c. FST Invoice #51 for \$273.54 was unanimously approved for payment.
2. Project Updates
 - a. JW talked with our MDOT project manager. FST has submitted the request to hold a public information meeting for the southern trail project. MDOT will review the project and schedule. It will take 2 to 3 months to schedule.
 - b. The wire survey of cable heights is under way. The results are expected to be acceptable to National Grid since the wires are sufficiently high off the ground.
 - c. Both JW’s company and FST have been acquired by Stantec. The potential for a conflict of interest was discussed and determined that there should not be any conflict in the normal course of business.
 - d. There has been no progress from Byfield (Newbury) on getting a lease from National Grid and Boxford is unlikely to be moving to construction in the same time period as Georgetown. This means we will need to limit construction of the trail to “destination” points rather than the town line or center of town, in the case of Byfield. We will watch how this progresses as we get nearer to construction.
 - e. Salisbury has gained approval to build their trail underpass at route 110.
 - f. Groveland has had their project coming toward Georgetown accepted as a project by MDOT.
 - g. The RecPath committee has been invited to setup a display table at the Congregational Church Earth Day event. It will be held April 24th in the early afternoon. SM will take the lead to organize and will need people to man the booth.
 - h. JW talked to Peter Durkee about taking over the mowing. He still wants to use the Brush Hog tractor. He agreed to be responsible for getting approval from National Grid and ConCom.
 - i. JW met with Park and Rec and updated them on the outcome of the discussion. JW will provide the presentation we gave to ConCom and the stipulations they imposed when agreeing to let us proceed with opening the trail in its current condition.
 - j. JW will talk to the lawyer recommended by FST related right-of-way issues.
 - k. The committee agreed to clean up the knot weed north of Pond Street on 4/3 at 10am.

Other: None

Adjourn: 8:18 pm

Scheduled Committee Meetings 7PM 2016: 4/14, 5/12 – basement room; 6/9, 7/14, 8/11, 9/8, 10/13, 11/10, 12/8 – 2nd fl. meeting room.

Other Meetings: None