

TOWN OF GROVELAND OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS COMMITTEE

TOWN HALL
183 Main Street

Groveland, Massachusetts 01834

Minutes – February 24, 2016 Meeting

Committee Members Present: Alexander Johnson, Robert Guptill, Mike Dempsey, Michael Davis, Mike Cordaro, and Jennifer Cadigan

AGENDA ITEMS

Motion to open the meeting was made by Alex Johnson and seconded by Jenifer Cadigan. Vote unanimous.

1. Minutes of Meeting

Motion made by Alex Johnson and seconded by Bob Guptill to dispense with the reading of the minutes for January 7, 2015. Vote unanimous.

Motion to accept the minutes for January 7, 2015 was made by Alex Johnson and seconded by Jenifer Cadigan. Vote unanimous.

2. Rail Trail/Community Trail Planning

2.1 Offroad. Mike Davis reported that MassDOT reviewed our project at its February 11th meeting. We are awaiting approval. With approval, the 25% design plan will be submitted to National Grid and to MassDOT. A change order for the re-design of the trail crossing across Route 97 has been delayed. The CPA Committee approved the \$55.3K request for designing the extension of the trail to Johnson's Creek.

2.2 On-road. Mike reported that Bob Arakelian attended a MassDOT meeting regarding a new on-road improvement program, which may be a good source of funding for this part of our project.

Mike also reported that he met with Chesterton and that they are interested in helping with the rail trail project. Ideas that they discussed included Chesterton sponsoring a 5K road race as a fund raiser and trail maintenance.

3. Trails and Trail Development Efforts

3.1 Alex will send an e-mail to Hillary and Elaine introducing new Mike as out trails coordinator. Mike will then coordinate with them. They will look into GPS mapping of the trails and also using Google maps to develop electronic trails maps.

3.2 April 2nd from 8 a.m. to noon was set as a date for the committee to walk and review all the trails. May 14 was tentative set for 2016 Town Trails Day.

4. Land Acquisition

4.1 It was decided to table discussion on the Aggregate property trail easement until the June meeting.

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4.2 Mike Dempsey reported that the \$200K Land & Water Conservation grant funds are almost awarded. This grant is for the purchase of the Maddingly property.

4.3 Mike Dempsey reported that the Conservation Restrictions (CRs) for the Angelini and Maddingly properties are almost completed.

4.4 Havel removal on the Angelini property is about one-third completed and will need a planting plan for the area. Signs have been placed on the property.

5. Open Space Plan

Alex checked with Jerrard Whitten about updating the Open Space maps. Jerrard said that we need to review all maps and tell him which ones need updating so that he can give us a scope of services. The committee reviewed all the Open Space Plan maps and identified the ones that need to be updated.

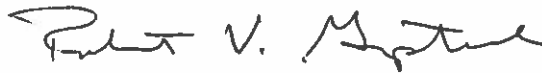
6. Upcoming Meetings

No meeting scheduled for March. Next meeting will be in April. Alex will schedule.

Adjournment

Motion made by Alex Johnson to adjourn and seconded by Mike Davis at 9:28. Vote unanimous.

Respectively Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert V. Guptill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Robert Guptill
Secretary