

**Multi-Use Track Road Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
August 4, 2011  
Town Building

**Call to Order**

John Akers called the meeting to order at 6:25 pm.

Present were, Member/s: John Akers, Rachel Ganimian, Barbara Myles, Steve Dungan (term started 9/1/11)

Guest/s: Jim Salvie

**Review of Minutes**

John Akers moved to accept the June 9 , 2011 meeting minutes as submitted.

Barbara Myles seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business:**

- For future meetings, members will read preliminary minutes online before the meeting to streamline the review of minutes process.
- Thank you to all citizens who wrote letters to the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) in support of the Multi-Use Rail Trail Project. The Multi-Use Track Road Project is back into the TIP (Transportation Improvement Plan) for fiscal year 2012.
- This committee is still searching for 1 more member.
- This committee's standard meeting time will be the 3rd Thursday of each month from 7-9 pm at the Stow Town Building.
- Don Rising is Stow's representative to the ARRT (Assabet River Rail Trail).
- Barbara Myles made a motion to have Steve Dungan be an associate member to the Multi-Use Track Road Committee for 6 months, Rachel Ganimian seconded the motion, all were in favor.

**Review AECOM Contract:**

- After reading and reviewing the AECOM contract this committee does not have any issues with it and will suggest to Bill Wrigley to sign the design contract. All were in favor.

**Sub-Reports from Members:**

Barbara Myles - Funding report: major funding can possibly come from three sources: the Boston MPO, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council and Stow's Community Preservation Committee (\$43,000 came from here which was voted on at town meeting.)

Rachel Ganimian - Real Estate Values report: Studies have shown that homes near rail trails have favorable sales statistics. Studies also show that homes near rail trails sell for a higher proportion of their asking price and in about half the time of other homes to be sold in their towns.

John Akers - Surface Materials Report: Massachusetts Department of Transportation has approved recycled, permeable asphalt, regular asphalt, concrete and chip seal as surfaces for rail trails. Concrete is best, but asphalt is most common. Using asphalt near the Assabet River would not cause any run-off. Run-off is caused by the vehicles traveling on the asphalt. Permeable surfaces have to be cleaned (pressure washed or vacuumed) one to two times each year.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Rachel Ganimian and seconded by Barbara Myles at 9:00 pm.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Future Meetings**

8/25/11, 7-9 pm, Town Building

9/15/11, 7-9 pm, Town Building

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Ganimian, Secretary

Approved as amended, September 1, 2011