7/8/15 Rail Trail Implementation Committee Minutes REVISED

6:30 p.m. Town Hall

In attendance: Alexis Runstadler, Marc Barden, Roger Talkov, Jen Honig, Sarah Pruett, member -Open Space Committee and Ralph Souppa, member- Master Planning Committee -- **souppa@comcast.net**, Mary Doherty and Tim Wilkerson (Precinct 3) – [**mary.doherty1@verizon.net**](mailto:mary.doherty1@verizon.net) **& twilkerson028@gmail.com.**

Absent: Bill Ryan, Terry Dansdill, Pat Kravtin

Update on meeting w/ National Grid, Swampscott selectpersons (Laura and Peter), Swampscott officials (Tom Younger & Pete Kane) and Lori Ehrlich.

NG wants a Charette – a group activity to envision what trail would look like – working w/ the abutters – not the design itself but the plan with the community. NG will participate w/ that process.

Peter Spellios also wants a complete title search. Peter is working on that. Peter said they reached out to Marsh, the company that did the first title search and they will determine what more needs to be done. When Peter asked NG if they owned the property, they said they didn’t know (about all).

NG does this type of deal by offering a license to use the property at no cost.

We reviewed Pete Kane’s draft survey questions. Pete wants to know when we want to start.

We want to clarify who the survey is coming from. Roger will ask Pete. Roger will also give Pete our edits.

For people who don’t want to answer then, there should be a way they can follow up on line on their own. Maybe a business card w/ a link to the town web site.

We need materials when we go to houses: map, picture of Marblehead w/ houses near the trail, green screen ideas or photos, what a rail trail is (width of space where trail would be (40 ft wide), width of trail (10 ft wide) , composition – packed stone dust). Have our presentation’s history available for us or to hand out.

Marc will take some pictures of the Marblehead trail and create a collage.

We could use the map that we had in the presentation.

We want to make clear that we are speaking w/ “owners.” We could print the surveys out w/ the person’s name on it.

What other committees should we enlist – Open Space, Master Plan, Municipal Design, Recreation, -- we will ask for volunteers to help do the door to door survey. We will ask all the town committees.

Order of events:

Email to ask for volunteers indicating it is a small commitment.

Depending on responses, schedule the meeting either in Aug. or in Sept. If many responses, schedule quickly.

Develop an FAQ at the meeting. Jen will start one.

We want a web area on the town web site. We need to ask Pete that. We would put our outreach materials – the photos, the map, the FAQ, the powerpoint presentation, maybe the survey.

RTIC members should ask people we know if they would do outreach in Sept. and Oct.

Roger will ask Pete about who should email the other committees’ members? Sarah and Ralph can go ahead and email their committees’ members.

Marc has list of people who have emailed who said they want to help. We will include them.

Alexis will eventually consolidate the names of volunteers.

Meeting adjourned at approx. 8:10 p.m.