## Wareham Bike Path Committee Meeting September 21, 2011 At Wareham Multi-Service Center – Rm # 119

In attendance: Michael Langford, Dale Scott, Lois Fountain, Damon Howard, David Smith, Louise Paolella, Eileen Ormond

Minutes of the August meeting were approved.

On the town website the bike path survey is not working – Louise will send an email to Matt Underhill.

Upcoming events – Cranberry Festival - October 8<sup>th</sup> – Louise is scheduling coverage for the booth. A document for Biking in Southeastern Massachusetts will be distributed at the Cranberry Festival. The Friends are working on a powerpoint presentation to promote the pathway to be shown at the festival.

The Friends website will be updated with a disk showing a ride along the proposed pathway.

Michael Langford, David Smith and Lois Fountain of the bike path committee attended the BOS meeting September 13, 2011. Following the report by Michael Langford that portions the "abandoned" rail bed, previously assumed to be entirely own by the DOT are actually privately owned, the Selectmen voted to have the Town Administrator send a letter to Eagle-Holt Co., Inc. asking to engage in a conversation about the pathway crossing their property. The BOS requested WBPC to attend their meeting the first Tuesday of each month at 7 pm for updates. Attention was also drawn by Lois Fountain to the letter of May 6<sup>th</sup> from Mass. DOT Highway asking for additional information and to the comparison report of W&S Feasibility Study to the Proposal. Mr. Cruz asked us to meet 3 pm the following Thursday at the Town Administrator's office for discussion of these issues.

There will be additional ethics training sessions scheduled. Town committee members must take the ethics test every two years and send the confirmation page to the town clerk. Dale mentioned the website for this ethics test – www.mass.gov/ethics.

To clarify the next steps, the PNF (Project Needs Form) must be approved prior to the RFP for design of the pathway.

David Smith will meet with the town of Carver BOS to give an update of the Wareham pathway and gauge their interest in a bike path to Myles Standish state forest. Dale mentioned that Malcolm MacGregor from Mass Maritime is working on a draft trail system, exploring trail opportunities to build outward from Myles Standish Park into the surrounding areas, e.g., trail(s) into East Wareham and the Red Brook area. There could be a number of options, depending on land use opportunities.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at the Multi Service Center, Room # 119.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen C. Ormond Recording Secretary

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## Wareham Bike Path Monthly Meeting Agenda

Date: 9/21/2011

**Time:** 6:00PM

Location: Rm 119 Multi Service Bldg

Attendance:

**Approval of Minutes – August** 

**Old Business:** 

**Update RE: Surveys On Town Web Site (Louise)** 

**Update RE: Friends Meeting (Louise)** 

**Update RE: Publicity (Dale, Lois)** 

**Update RE: Community Events** 

**Update RE: Web Sites (Lois)** 

**Update RE: Feasibility Study on Town Web Page (Mike)** 

**Update RE: Project Needs Form (Lois)** 

**Update RE: Meeting with BOS (Mike)** 

New Business:

**BOS Policies: N/A** 

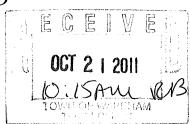
Input from Other Town Depts. /Committees:

**Committee Applications:? N/A** 

**B.O.S. Requests for Information: N/A** 

Other:

Next Meeting: Oct 19, 2011 at 6pm Multi Service Center Room # 119



## Wareham Bike Path Committee Special Meeting October 3, 2011 At Wareham Multi-Service Center – Room # 119

In attendance: Michael Langford, Lois Fountain, David Smith, Louise Paolella, Eileen Ormond, Ellen Begley, BOS

Michael Langford called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM.

A special meeting of the bike path committee was convened to discuss a letter to the TA from the committee regarding the open issue of ownership of portions of the abandoned rail bed.

David Smith made a motion to approve the letter, seconded by Louise Paolella. Discussion followed with Eileen Ormond asking if the map / lot numbers should be noted on the letter – it was decided this was not necessary. The BOS voted on September 13, 2011 to have the town administrator contact Eagle Holt to engage in a conversation about the proposed pathway crossing their property.

David Smith stated that the TA wants support of the bike path committee and BOS to approach Eagle Holt.

The committee voted unanimously to approve the letter to the town administrator – letter attached.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,
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Eileen C. Ormond Recording Secretary

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