

Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 17 2007
7:30 p.m. Town Hall

Present: Michael Caron, Sgt. Kevin DeFeo, Peter Durkee, Sharon Freeman

Old Business

- The September 19, 2007 minutes were approved as written.

New Business

- Richard Paganelli of the Georgetown Recreational Path Committee provided an overview of the Committee's work. Highlights of the Georgetown Recreational Path Project Plan Summary (dated 9/27/07):
 - 2003:
 - Committee reorganized in 2003
 - Committee conducted a feasibility study/walked the trail
 - 2004:
 - CPC grant of 30k to conduct tile search and feasibility study
 - Met with abutters – most concerns were related to privacy and security
 - Met with National Grid
 - 2005:
 - Held multi-town meetings
 - National grid provided a policy on the rail-trail development
 - Created an eight-town coalition (Border to Boston Coalition by Essex National Heritage)
 - Completed a liability analysis
 - 2006:
 - Selectmen signed a resolution to move ahead
 - Received a National Park Service Rivers and Trail Grant
 - Completed phase 1 of title examination
 - Implementation plan for coalition presented to Mass Highway
 - 2007 - :
 - CPC grant of 124k for additional title work
 - SAFETEA-LU funds now available; have submitted a scope of work.
 - RFP for 25% design; work likely to begin in 2008
 - Public hearing
 - Discussion
 - Need to develop bylaws/trail rules
 - Maintenance, safety and security issues must be determined – key players: Highway Surveyor and Police Department
 - Rec Path is considering creation of kiosks to provide information
 - Selectmen have asked for cost estimates for maintenance including trash pick-up and brush cutting (note: anticipated trail rule is haul in/haul out)
 - Stop signs (for trail users) need to be added to intersections; they are considering trail design features to alert trail user of approaching intersection (e.g. change in width of trail; change in surface, etc.)
 - Hot top for trails require less maintenance
 - Need to consider the trail as a safe-way to school
 - Traffic Committee members expressed support for the Rail-Trail project and interest in working with the Rec Path Committee as it moves forward with the project.
- Minutes submitted by Sharon Freeman for approval at next meeting.