

Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Advisory Committee  
Thursday, March 1, 2018  
**Location: Harvey Wheeler Community Center,  
Clock Tower Room, 7pm**

Meeting called to order 7:03

Committee members present: Kent Carlson, Jim Lyon, Suzanne Knight, John Soden, Gretchen Roorbach

Also in attendance: Pam Gardner, Dean Sullender, Barbara Pike, Barbara Nicolson, Marcia Rasmussen, Carmen Jaquier, Murray Nicolson

Recorder: Gretchen Roorbach

1. Review Minutes from January 18, 2018 Meeting.  
Minutes approves as amended
2. Phase 2A, 2B, 2C Update. Prepared by Marcia Rasmussen.

**Phase 2A Update:** All is still quiet; but spring is coming. Bridge late May/Early June completion

**Phase 2B Update:** Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (GPI) staff has continued working on Phase 2B, recently preparing the Environmental Notification Form for submittal to the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency after MassDOT completed their review of the ENF for Phase 2B; that application was submitted to MEPA on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Phase 2C Updates:**

- a. Construction activity has ceased for the winter; but spring is coming.
- b. Met with 2 members of the Green Thumbs (group responsible for working with CPW Engineering Division to design improvements in Junction Park and responsible for assisting with maintenance of plantings in the park) to discuss the revised Commonwealth Ave./Main St. intersection and extension of Junction Park. Follow up meeting with Concord Public Works and the Green Thumbs to resolve differences will be held in early March.
- c. Met with a Cottage Street resident to discuss possible landscaping to help screen the trail from their back yard; will discuss with MassDOT when construction meetings resume this spring.
- d. Greystone & Co. is in partnership with MBTA Realty and is responsible for managing MBTA lease agreements and easements. Their staff recently contacted my office to report that the person initially responsible for reviewing the draft easement had left and the project had been reassigned. The good news is that the easement is now being reviewed, and a surveyed plan will be prepared by GPI to accompany the document.
- e. Kent: Keolis has been working and have completed the underground utility work at commuter rail

**Phase 2D Sudbury:** No new or updated information available from the Town of Sudbury web site or MassDOT Project Information web site. Sudbury was at OP meeting advocating for \$8.4 million.

The Concord funding remains in 2019 in the full amount [Transportation Improvement Plan FFY 2018-2022 amendment 3 showing the increased funding of BFRT Phase 2B in FFY 2019 and Construction funding for BFRT 2D/Sudbury in FFY 2022.] These funds were approved in May 2017

Barbara Pike: CSX is willing to sell land at market price, \$600,000 to extend the Sudbury trail, possible the quarter of a mile to connect to the Mass Central bike trail.

### 3. Concord On Tap

Survey of fountains in town and have increased awareness of additional water fountains e.g. water fountains on all the school fields. Sanborn School has a water fountain.

On Tap would like the rail trail to display the water fountain map on the rail trail.

### **Committee recommends that Marcia Rasmussen discuss with Rich Rein and Concord On Tap the placement of Concord On Tap water maps near the rail trail.**

The committee approves the recommendation.

Trail educational outreach and enforcement.

- The has been a reduction of usage on the Powder Mill culvert.
- The use of electric bikes is not discouraged on state rail trails. Not a consensus and the BFRTAC needs to stay informed as this may become an issue. Barbara Pike stated that the Chelmsford Police have stated that E bikes will not be allowed on the BFRT. In addition, they can be programmed to not exceed 12mph.
- Barbara Pike: in Acton trail use signs have appeared that are not the correct rules that have been agreed upon by the towns and the Town of Acton.

### 4. Membership

Jim Lyon received submitted Green Cards and has reached out to Mark Levine. He will contact the next person on the list if he does not hear by 3.2.2018.

### 5. Chair Breakfast

John Soden attended for the BFRTAC on 2.21.2018.

### 6. Member Comments / Committee Liaisons / Correspondence

- West Concord Advisory Committee: Kent nothing to report
- Historical Commission: Suzanne Knight nothing to report
- White Pond Advisory Committee: Carmen Jaquier reported that fish stocking and possible pollution from the fish and possible receive money for studying this issue. Kent is willing to help the White Pond Committee regarding the study as he works in the building that houses the Dept. of Fish and Game
- Trail Committee: Gretchen Roorbach nothing to report. The BFRTAC will try to set up a site visit for 2B in May with engineers, contractors, Town of Acton, Trail committee, etc.

### 7. Correspondence

Kent: reminded the committee members to complete and submit their ethics course forms.

Barbara Pike – sent information regarding Vermont made kiosk.

Kent: Mass Bike Forum in Lincoln on March 28, 7-9 PM at 15 Bedford Road

### 8. Next Committee Meeting: Thursday, April 5, 2018

### 9. Public Comment

- Barbara Pike: Town Report regarding funding from the CPC.
- Pam Gardner: requesting the extension of the timber rail fencing approximately 45' to Station 114 adjacent to the on their property at 72 Cottage Street.

**The committee endorses the request to extend the timber frame rail fencing approximately 45' as depicted on the February 28, 2018 letter from Pamela and Thomas Gardner closer to Station 114 adjacent to 72 Cottage Street.**

Motion seconded and approved.

- Dean Sullender, requests information regarding the low PSAC score on the TIP and if that score is related to funding.
- Barbara Pike wanted to know if bike racks have been designed for the trail. The Town has designed the bike racks but are not including at the junction due to congestion. A possible location is to use 2 parking spots. Bike racks can only be included in West Concord on public land which has limited the number of bike racks.

Meeting adjourned: 8:28PM

Minutes posted: 4/6/18