

Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Advisory Committee
Thursday July 5, 2018
Harvey Wheeler Community Center

Meeting called to order 7:00pm

Committee members present: Jim Lyon, Kent Carlson, Carol Steele, John Soden

Also in attendance: Judy Perrin, Ken Perrin, Stephen Goodman

Recorder: John Soden

1. Minutes approved as amended.

2. Phase 2A, 2B, 2C update

No update received from Marcia Rasmussen

Work on trail reported with Nashoba bridge decking and footings at the 99 Restaurant intersection.

3. Operations & maintenance

Phase 2B 75% design hearing possibly in September.

Concerns raised in regard to plantings already done that are too close to the trail. We will check to see if these can be moved and re-planted.

4. Membership & Committee Elections

Jim Lyon elected chair

Suzanne, Carol and John to share minute taking on a rotating basis

John to attend monthly chairs' breakfast on behalf of BFRTAC

Kent liaison to West Concord Advisory Committee

Jim liaison to White Pond Advisory Committee

John liaison to Historical Commission

Suzanne liaison to the Trails Committee

Carol liaison to the Housing Commission

5. Member Comments/Committee Liaisons/Correspondence

Suzanne and Dean attended the Friends Solstice Ride. Successful event, questioned raised as to why the trail can't be connected to the soccer fields. It is outside the purview of the committee.

Jim received an email from Dorrie Kehoe of the Green Thumbs asking about how enforcement of riders dismounting and walking across Commonwealth Avenue will be

handled. Jim returned her call and emailed her a copy of the sign that will be posted at that intersection.

No other committee reports.

6. Next committee meeting: August 2 but subject to change if the Phase 2B 75% design plans are available earlier.

7. Public Comment

Stephen Goodman noted: 1) that some of the debris cleared from the trail was pushed onto abutters land; 2) the hay boons are missing in some areas, and will they be replaced? and 3) contractor's vehicles are speeding on the trail. Also, is it allowed to water the new plantings if not entering the trail?

Judy Perrin also noticed contractor's vehicles speeding between the prison and Nashoba bridge.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.