

**Multi-Use Track Road Committee Meeting
Town Building
May 25, 2011**

Those present: John Akers, Barbara Myles, Rachel Ganimian

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Read the description of the 8 activities that this committee has been charged with from selectmen.

Brief introductions to those in audience.

Organize new committee

Motion was made by Barbara Myles to appoint John Akers as chair person of the Multi-Use Track Road Committee; Rachel Ganimian seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Motion was made by John Akers to appoint Rachel Ganimian as clerk of the Multi-Use Track Road Committee; Barbara Myles seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Discussion of past track road activities

Don Rlsing, town representative to the Steering Committee, presented a brief history of the Marlboro branch of the Boston to Fitchburg line. Rail land was sold off in 1961 to private land owners. In 1992 Hudson residents wanted a rail trail and there was a go ahead in 1997. The rail trail is slow in Stow because of land issues. Mr. Albright sold some rights for the rail trail. Motorized vehicles would share this part of the trail. Questions and discussion occurred regarding different ways to solve sharing the trail space with motor vehicles. Mr. Rising spoke about different pavement choices and stone dust and about concerns of run off into the Assabet River. Acton and Maynard have contracted with AECOM to begin the initial design phase of their portion of the rail trail. Stow has an opportunity to join Acton and Maynard in this design phase for a price. AECOM has stated that the overall cost to Stow would be \$230,000 with an initial conceptual design price being \$35,000. Stow voted in \$46,000 for initial funds for the design phase. Mr. Rising gave the committee 2 maps of the area.

Setting priorities to go forward

Laura Spear entrusted the committee with past paperwork to be read by the present committee. She will send much data electronically to Rachel Ganimian. Committee members will read and become acquainted with established information.

Committee members each have a hard copy of the survey taken by the town regarding the rail trail. Each member will read over this data.

The first of two on-site meetings will be held on Sunday, June 5, 2011 9:00 a.m. at the White Pond Road entrance to Track Road. Purpose of this meeting is to become familiar with the White Pond Road - Crow Island section of the trail.

The second of two on-site meetings will be held on Saturday, June 11 8:00 a.m. at the Sudbury Road entrance to Track Road (this location is on Sudbury Road, just past the old wooden bridge across from Barton Road.) The purpose of this meeting is to become familiar with the Sudbury Road - Crow Island section of the trail.

The next meeting of this committee is set for Thursday, June 2, 2011 7:00 p.m. Town Building, Stow.

At 9:00 p.m., John Akers moved to adjourn; Rachel Ganimian seconded; and all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Ganimian
Clerk, Multi-Use Rail Trail Committee