

## **Minutes**

### **Town of Norton Alternative Transportation Committee**

**Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.**

#### **Town Hall Break Room**

**Present:**

Cybulski, Don

Holman, Scott

Kenter, Karen

Ollerhead, Sandy

**Guests:**

Gurnon, Sherri

Director, Mansfield Parks and Recreation

- I. Sandy Ollerhead called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- II. Acceptance of Minutes – the minutes were unanimously accepted as amended.
- III. Old Business -
  - A. Scavenger Hunt – There were eight completed entries and the winner was chosen by raffle. The winner was the team of Noah and Emma Biron, children of Dan Biron, an abutter. The scavenger hunt was a success as the publicity resulted in an increased number of hits on the website. Denny Goodrich will notify the winner, arrange for a photo opp. and announce the winner to the *Norton Patch*, *Norton Mirror*, *Sun Chronicle* and Norton Cable. He will notify Andrea Henry to post the announcement

to Facebook once the winner has been contacted. Sandy Ollerhead will post it on the website.

#### B. Public Relations Update -

The best way to use Denny Goodrich's cable interview and the Girl Scout cable video was discussed.

Denny went to the last farmer's market in Attleboro and distributed fliers and talked up the project with attendees.

Kathy Ebert-Zawasky was able to get more fliers and tri-folds printed by Wheaton. Don Cybulski, Karen Kenter and Sherrie Gurnon offered to distribute them around town, Sherrie will distribute them around Mansfield such as at the library, the bike path, town hall.

Don brought up the need to keep the momentum going and the supporters informed about the progress the committee has been making. He volunteered to draft an email update to be sent to the supporters and to be posted on Facebook. Karen Kenter is going to see about having the committee's website and flier linked to the town website.

#### IV. New Business -

##### A. Norton/Mansfield collaboration update -

Sandy Ollerhead and Karen Kenter met with Bill Ross, Mansfield Town Manager, and Shaun Burke, Mansfield Town Planner. It was a productive meeting during which a Mansfield representative to the committee meetings was discussed. Bill chose Sherrie Gurnon, Director of Parks and Recreation, to act as liaison between the two towns. Also discussed was the need for Norton selectmen to formally request of Mansfield a right of way/easement to use the sewer line for the rail trail. Approval will be determined by voters at Mansfield's spring town meeting. Sherrie Gurnon offered to distribute fliers and tri-folds and will promote the project in Mansfield. She invited Sandy Ollerhead and Karen Kenter to attend the next Parks and Recreation meeting to discuss the project.

##### B. Grant Application -

The timeline Sandy Ollerhead drew up was reviewed as well as the grant she filled out. A section regarding environmental concerns will be completed with the help of Jennifer Carlino, Norton Conservation Agent. Denny Goodrich will be asked to add historical information to the application. A meeting to review the application with MassDOT with Pam Haznar is planned for November, exact date to be determined. Invited to attend the meeting with Sandy Ollerhead and Karen Kenter are Mike Yunits, Norton Town Manager, Sherrie Gurnon and/or Shaun Burke, Don Cybulski and Beata Schmid. Either Jackie Schmidt or Bill Napolitano from SRPEDD is also expected to attend.

### C. Planning the Abutters Meeting -

The abutters meeting is planned for January. However, if the public session is also to be held in January (pending advice from MassDOT), the two meetings will be combined. Bob Kimball has agreed to attend the abutters meeting and Jennifer Carlino will be invited as well. The letters to be sent to Norton abutters and Mansfield abutters to the unfinished portion of the trail were reviewed. Sherri Gurnon will work on finding Mansfield abutters to the finished trail and Barbara Rose will be contacted to do the same.

### V. Open Session -

An email Mike Yunits received from an engineer from VHB was discussed. The engineer, who is working on the Route 123 project, offered to talk to the committee about any questions that may have come up. At this point, given that a presentation by another VHB engineer was given last summer, it was decided to postpone having him come to a meeting at this point.

It was determined that contacting Representative Kennedy, State Representative Barrows and State Senator Timilty about the project would be beneficial. Andrea Henry will be asked to draw up a letter of support.

### VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Kenter, Vice Chair