



TOWN OF NORTON

Alternative Transportation Committee

MINUTES

Date: January 15, 2014 Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Town Hall Break Room

Members & Staff Present:

Members:

Ebert-Zawasky, Kathy
Goodrich, Denny
Holman, Scott
Kenter, Karen
Ollerhead, Sandy

Guests:

Gurnon, Sherri, Mansfield Director of Parks and Recreation

Members Not Present: Don, Cybulski, and Linda Kollett

I. Sandy Ollerhead called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. There were no minutes to be accepted.

III.

A. Sandy updated the committee on her meeting with Mike Yunits to go over the Information Session. They also discussed parking for the rail/trail, including lots owned by people who don't live in Norton and who might be interested in donating the land to the town. He suggested we contact them to inquire about this.

B. The PNF has been accepted and Sandy has begun working on the PIF. She is looking for additional information to add about Mansfield. For instance, the trail will bring Norton into Mansfield Center. She asked Sherri to look at the PIF to see what could be added.

C. Mike Yunits sent a copy of the PIF to the mayor of Taunton and to the engineer of the Route 123 project. As a result, the engineer requested that a member of the Alternative Transportation Committee be invited to their kick off meeting.

D. Denny gave an update on his meeting with the Mansfield Recreation Dept. A new member of this committee is an abutter to the existing trail and a big supporter of the project. At this time it was confirmed that the Mansfield web page is linked to our web page. Denny brought up the suggestion that Norton town officials (police, fire, etc.) get together with their counterparts in Mansfield to discuss the project.

E. Sandy has been in touch with someone in NH about an equestrian trail right next to a bike trail. They haven't had any trouble except occasional manure on the paved part of the trail. We thought that having a separation of the two trails would avoid this.

IV. Sandy went over the Power Point presentation for the Information Session and some minor changes were made. The decision was made to pass out FAQ's as a way to gauge how many people attended. In addition, someone will be posted at the door to get email sign-ups and pass around a sign- in sheet also. We planned to arrive around 6:15 for set up of the projector and tables and chairs.

Bob Kimball was going to attend as well as Bill Ross, the Mansfield Town Manager. Kathy said she would contact Wheaton to see if they would like to send a representative and Jackie was going to contact MassDOT to do the same.

Discussion turned to the Dahl property and the continuation of the trail across it, the off road section of the trail on North Washington and over the bridge. The question was raised as to whether the bike lanes over Route 495 will be a lane on either side of the road or if both lanes will be on the north side to avoid having to cross North Washington. Consensus was that it would probably be a lane on each side, necessitating more crossing signage or signals.

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VI. Karen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. It was seconded by Kathy. The meeting adjourned until the next meeting on March 12, 2014 at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes Approved by Committee on: _____
(Date)

Signatures:

(Name & Title)

Chairman, _____
(Committee)