



# TOWN OF NORTON

## Alternative Transportation

(Committee)

### MINUTES

Date: 5/21/14 Time: 7PM

Location: Town Hall Break Room

#### Members & Staff Present:

Don Cybulski

Kathy Ebert-Zawasky

Karen Kenter

Linda Kollett

Sandra Ollerhead

#### Guests:

Frances Shirley

Robert Kimball – Chair of Board of Selectmen

Sherri Gurnon – Mansfield Director of Parks and Recreation

Jacqueline Schmidt - SRPEDD

Members Not Present: Denny Goodrich, Scott Holman

I. The meeting was called to order at: 7PM

II. Minutes from the 4/16/14 meeting were reviewed and approved with name and troop number corrections. Madidysne – Madisyne, Gerry Goudreau – Marci Yazwinski, Troop 804 – Troop 80443

#### *Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions:*

#### III. New Business

##### A. Trail Impact on Hunting.

Sandy received an inquiry about hunting on the Rail Trail. Hunting laws in the Town of Norton were discussed. Hunting is not allowed within 500 feet of a house. There is no rule concerning the bike path. This would require a bylaw approved at Town Meeting, which would be enforceable by the police. There are trails in western MA with language preventing hunting within 150 feet of the trail.

Signs and other warnings should be posted along the trail and users advised to wear orange. AmericanTrails.org has recommended signs and suggestions.

It was also noted that no equestrians have contacted Sandy about a meeting. It was also noted that the majority of the trail will be paved.

##### B. Bidding Process

The RFP (Request for Proposal) must be submitted by the Town Manager. He should be urged to move forward as quickly as possible. Jackie Schmidt suggested looking at the Mass DOT website. Mass DOT will review the RFP to see if it meets requirements. There is also an extensive list of accepted contractors.

Regarding the bond bill, money has to be found to fund the projects. The best way to do this is to contact state legislators. The proposal will have to go to Town Meeting.

Linda Kollett will prepare a letter to Senator Timilty and Representatives Barrows and Howitts and once it is approved by Chair Sandy Ollerhead will leave it with the Town Manager's secretary. Everyone on the committee is encouraged to sign the letter.

There was a motion by Karen Kenter-Potty, seconded by Don Cybulski to direct Linda to prepare the letter and leave it at Town Hall for signatures. The motion passed

Selectman Kimball recommended that we begin working on easements, as that also requires Town Meeting approval.

Kathy Ebert-Zawasky gave a brief update on projects on the Dahl land. (Part of this land may be used for the trail.)

#### IV. Old Business

##### A. Bike Rack Update

After some discussion it was decided to place bike racks in the following places in Norton:

3 – 120 West Main Street in front of Senior Housing

4 – Everett Leonard Field

4 – Burchill Field

2 – Town Hall

2 – Dam on Reservoir Street

1 – Juniper Lane

5 – Middle School

2 – Near playground at the Solmonese School

2 – Town Forest

We need to get shipping quotes. It was decided that the round design would be easier to maintain. The DPW needs to be contacted and kept in the loop about this project since they will be installing the racks.

#### Open Session

Channel 6 saw the article in the Sun Chronicle and contacted Sandy.

The Founder's Day picnic is June 21, 2014

#### **List of Documents and Other Exhibits used at Meeting:**

- Price Quote in Response to RFP#SRPEDD 2011-Trans-1
- SRPEDD Bicycle Parking Program Price List
- SRPEDD Bicycle Parking Program Flyer

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM until the next meeting; date to be determined, at 7 PM at the Norton Town Hall Break Room.