



TOWN OF NORTON

Alternative Transportation (Committee)

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Date: 6.9.16 Time: 7 PM

Location: Town Hall Break Room

Members & Staff Present:

Linda Kollett
Denny Goodrich
Sandy Ollerhead
Karen Kenter
Beata Schmid
Scot Holman

Members Not Present:

Kathleen Ebert-Zawasky

Others:

Bill McGrath – BETA Engineering
Matt Shute – BETA Engineering

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

II. Minutes from the 3.21.16 and 4.13.16 Meetings were reviewed and Approved with no adjustments.

Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions:

III. New Business – Meeting with BETA Engineering

Denny Goodrich reviewed the history of the Norton Rail Trail project.

Representatives from BETA explained the MassDOT process

1. First step. 25% design (preliminary design). It involves data collection, submission of the design and DOT review.

In response to a question the BETA representatives said that SRPPD deals mostly with funding, and are kept up to date on the project.

2. Design public hearing by MassDOT

Mass DOT will want to hear general support for the project from the public.

Town officers, the committee and the general public should be encouraged to attend the meeting.

3. Final Design

75% submission (includes most permitting) and then 100% submission. Both require MassDOT approval.

4. General Discussion

There was strong feeling from the committee that BETA should push for a 12' rather than 10' walkway.

The Route 123 project will be coordinated with the Rail Trail Project as both are District 5 MassDOT projects. There is still time for discussions about this.

There was some confusion about payment for the Mansfield portion. Sandy Ollerhead will set up a meeting with Mansfield representatives, asking for clarification. It is desirable to have this as a single project all in the TIP

The flight survey has been completed by BETA. Once the Town Manager signs the contract this will be available. It had to be completed before the trees leafed out.

Ideas for the project include:

Historical markers

Environmental education markers

Pamphlets explaining bike, horse, walking and car safety

At BETA's request, here was general discussion about why BETA was chosen to do the project.

List of Documents and Other Exhibits used at Meeting:

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Meeting was adjourned at __8:25 PM__ until the next meeting to be determined.
the _____.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes Approved by Committee on: 10/2/17
(Date)

Signatures:

Linda S. Kollett

Linda S. Kollett, Secretary

Chairman, Sandy Ollerhead