



# TOWN OF NORTON

## Alternative Transportation Committee

(Committee)

### MINUTES

Date: 12.04.13

Time: 7 PM

Location: Town Hall Break Room

#### Members & Staff Present:

##### Members;

Cybulski, Don  
Ebert-Zawasky, Kathy  
Goodrich, Denny  
Holman, Scott

Kenter, Karen  
Kollett, Linda  
Ollerhead, Sandra

##### Other Attendees:

Fish, Lorilee, Former Mansfield Director of Parks and Recreation  
Gurnon, Sherri, Mansfield Director of Parks and Recreation  
Rose, Barbara, Mansfield abutter  
Schmidt, Jackie, SRPEDD

Members Not Present: \_\_\_\_\_

The meeting was called to order at: 7 PM

Minutes from the 11.13.13 Meeting were reviewed and Approved with no adjustments.

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

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Chair, Sandy Ollerhead.
- II. The minutes of the 11.13.13 meeting were approved.

#### III. Old Business

##### A. PNF Review

The form was reviewed and comments for changes were made. In general it was suggested that there needed to be more emphasis on the regional component of the project and more input from Mansfield. Sherri Gurnon offered to help with the Mansfield input. It was confirmed that Land Preservation Society of Norton agreed to discuss using part of the Dahl land for the bike trail, as long as there is an alternative to paving the land. More information is needed about planned meetings, use by Wheaton students, contacting abutters, etc. The committee will receive an updated version of the draft for review.

##### B. DOT Update

Don Cybulski, Karen Kenter, Sandy Ollerhead, Beata Schmid, and from SRPEDD, Jackie Schmidt and Bill Napolitano attended a meeting with Pamela Hazner and Timothy Kochan from DOT. The meeting was generally positive with cautions about using rights of way. At the Transportation Alternative Committee (TAC) meeting Sherri Gurnon confirmed that the path could be added in to the Mansfield Open Space Plan. It was also decided at the TAC meeting that the committee should contact the Mansfield airport.

Other issues discussed at the TAC meeting included a caution about funding for an equestrian path, and a suggestion to contact the Army Corps of Engineers.

C. Mansfield Collaboration

The three Mansfield contact people are Laura Lee Fish, Sherri Gurnon and Barbara Rose. Fliers will be posted in Mansfield and a link to the TAC website will be added to the Mansfield Parks and Recreation site.

D. PR Update

Members of the committee reported on poster placements. Denny Goodrich noted that although he contacted 11 outlets, he had a bad response to the press release about the scavenger hunt winners.

E. Meeting with Representative Kennedy

Sandy announced that Andrea Henry had posted a picture of the visit on Facebook and it received lots of hits. Don found Representative Kennedy receptive to the plan and reported that he took information about District 5.

Andrea will develop a letter for Representatives Barrows, Kennedy and Timilty. Don will keep Representative Kennedy's assistant up to date on our progress.

IV. New Business

A. Public Information Session

It was decided that the session would be held on January 21, 2014, at 7 PM in the Norton Public Library. Special invitees include the Norton selectmen, Jenn Carlino, representatives from the Department of Recreation, Police Department, Fire Department and DPW, a representative from Wheaton College, the Mansfield Town Manager and Town Planner, and the Mansfield selectmen.

Denny will take care of announcing the meeting. Kathy will develop graphics for a poster. Sandy will contact a local realtor to get information about property values near trails.

An edited PowerPoint from last year will be used. Suggestions were made for the new version.

A draft of a letter to the abutters of the trail was discussed and modifications were made. The committee will be given an updated copy for review.

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

- **Project Need Form, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:14 PM until the next meeting on Wednesday 01.15.13 at 7PM at the Town Hall Break Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes Approved by Committee on: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

*Signatures:*

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( Name & Title)

Chairman, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Committee)