



TOWN OF NORTON

Alternative Transportation Committee Public Information Meeting (Committee)

MINUTES

Date: February 11, 2014 Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Norton Public Library

Members & Staff Present:

Members:

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

Guests:

Gurnon, Sherri, Mansfield Director of Parks and Recreation
Jackie Schmidt SRPEDD
Mike Yunits, Norton Town Manager

Members Not Present: Don, Cybulski,

Prior to the meeting, slides showing the history and various uses of the land proposed for the Norton Rail Trail were shown as guests arrived.

The meeting was called to order at: 7:00 PM

Sandy Ollerhead, Chair of the Alternative Transportation Committee gave a presentation on the history and current status of the Norton Rail Trail Project to an audience of more than two dozen people. During the presentation, Kathy Ebert-Zawasky explained possible uses of the Dahl Conservation Land, owned by Land Preservation Society of Norton, Inc. and Jackie Schmidt spoke about funding for the project.

A project need form was quickly approved by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, and the Alternative Transportation Committee is now working on the Project Initiation Form for review at an upcoming meeting.

During a question and answer session concerns were expressed about privacy for abutters along the proposed route, safety at road crossings and on N. Washington Street and safety of having a pedestrian and bicycle path close to the horse path. Several useful suggestions were offered based on experience with other rail trails. Sandy thanked people for their input and said that the committee will take this information under consideration. She also noted that there would be other opportunities for community involvement.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes Approved by Committee on: _____
(Date)

Signatures:

(Name & Title)

Chairman, _____
(committee)