



# TOWN OF NORTON

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(Committee)

## MINUTES

Date: 3/12/14      Time: 7PM  
Location: Town Hall Break Room

### Members & Staff Present:

Denny Goodrich  
Scott Holman  
Karen Kenter  
Linda Kollett  
Sandra Ollerhead

### Guests:

Beata Schmid  
Frances Shirley

### Members Not Present:

Kathleen Ebert-Zawasky  
Don Cybulski

The meeting was called to order at: 7PM

Minutes from the 12/4, 1/5 and 2/11 meetings were reviewed and approved with no adjustments.

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

### III. Old Business

#### A. Reports

1. The PIF (Project Initiation Form) has been submitted. There were a few questions. A 12-foot path is the new minimum preferred standard and a better map was needed. Jackie Schmidt will get these to the state.
2. Pre PRC (Project Review Committee) meeting is 3/20/14. They may ask for more information. The actual project review is 4/12/14. After that we will know if the project is approved and if so, it will get a case number.

#### B. Public Information Session

It was agreed that all the feed back from this session was positive. It was reported that a DOT representative said that we are very well organized. Cobb Street remains a big safety issue. An environmental lawyer has reached out to Jackie Schmidt and wants information about the trail. Jackie stated that having a lawyer on our side would be helpful. Sandy Ollerhead reminded everyone that it will be very important to get the vote out for the presentation at town meeting, as not every view in town was represented at the meeting.

#### C. Mansfield Airport Committee Meeting

Sandy reported on a February meeting. The bicycle path will be a benefit to them. We will have to use some of their land (easement) and there was a favorable response from the committee. The Town of Mansfield will have to be asked. Wetlands and tree issues need to be addressed. The airport will help and the Conservation Commission will need to give approval.

#### D. Arrowhead Village

Sandy will contact Jason Santos, president of Arrowhead Village Association about any concerns they may have about the trail.

#### IV. New Business

##### A. Equestrian Subcommittee

Sandy would like to hear from folks using the path for horseback riding. Catherine Webber and some other riders will be asked to reach out to trail riders and report back. Either Karen Kenter or Beata Schmid will contact the owner of the barn on Plain Street. We will try to get a list of folks with horse permits in Norton. A meeting with horse owners and some members of the committee will be planned.

##### B. Parking Possibilities

Mike Yunits will be asked about properties near the trail owned by folks who do not live in Norton. It will be suggested that they might be able to donate a portion of the land to the town for parking. This might reduce taxes on the land. Andrea Henry will draft a letter about this for the next meeting.

##### C. Moving Forward

Need to tie up some loose ends other than those already discussed.

Frances Shirley suggested asking LPS for use of the Dahl land and possible using wooden slats to cross the land. Sandy also mentioned other permeable surfaces. Horses use the road in that area. No motorcycles will be allowed.

Girl Scouts will be first on the agenda for the next meeting.

Denny Goodrich volunteered for the Joint Transportation Program (Group?) which provides input for state projects.

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

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Meeting was adjourned at 8 PM until the next meeting on Wednesday, April 16, at 7 PM at the Norton Town Hall Break Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Kollett

*Signatures:*

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( Name & Title)

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

Chairman, \_\_\_\_\_  
(committee)