



TOWN OF NORTON

Alternative Transportation

(Committee)

MINUTES

Date: 4/16/14 Time: 7PM
Location: Town Hall Break Room

Members & Staff Present:

Don Cybulski	Karen Kenter
Denny Goodrich	Linda Kollett
Kathy Ebert-Zawasky	Sandra Ollerhead
Scott Holman	

Guests:

Frances Shirley
Emma Ollerhead – Girl Scout
Madisyne Robitaille – Girl Scout
Sarah Joyce – Girl Scout
Zoe Yazwinski – Girl Scout
Sherri Gurnon – Mansfield Director of Parks and Recreation
Jacqueline Schmidt – SRPEDD
Marci Yazwinski – Girl Scouts

Members Not Present:

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

II. Minutes from the 3/12/14 meeting were reviewed and approved with no adjustments.

Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions:

III. Old Business

A. Girl Scout Troop 80443 Visit

The Girls Scouts of Troop 80443 have selected promoting the Norton Bike Trail as their Bronze Award project. They reported on the activities they had completed and have planned to promote the trail. They developed an on-bicycle safety quiz which they would like to put on the Norton Rail-Trail (Alternative Transportation) web site.

There was a motion by Linda Kollett, seconded by Denny Goodrich to put the quiz on the Norton Rail-Trail web site. The motion passed.

B. PIF

Sandra Ollerhead announced that the PIF had been accepted by the state. Congratulations and thanks to all who worked on it. Cake was served to celebrate.

C. Arrowhead and Airport Update

Sandy is making sure the language about Rail-Trail use of the Town of Mansfield land used by the airport is correct. It will be passed along to the Mansfield town counsel.

Mike Yunits has been consulted about Arrowhead land ownership in the trail area. Sandy will eventually contact the homeowner's association about the use of the land for the Rail-Trail.

IV. New Business

A. Boy Scout Update

Linda Kollett reported on her visit with Boy Scout Troop 12 members working on a Community Government badge. The boys have chosen the Norton Rail-Trail as their community project of interest. After a lively question and answer session, the boys asked to do volunteer work for the trail.

B. Bike Rack Reimbursement

Mike Yunits has asked the Alternative Transportation Committee to oversee the SRPEDD Bicycle Parking Program. There was discussion about places to put the racks. The list includes: Town Hall, Everett Leonard Park, JCS, Norton Middle School, Trent Memorial Park, LPS land on Three-Mile River if allowed by grant, High School near the track, replacements at the Yelle School, Burchill Field. There was some discussion about the type and number of bicycle racks. Also a prioritized list of locations should be made. Sandy will email the Rail-Trail at large group to see if someone would like to take charge of this. Jackie Schmidt offered to help.

C. Sun Chronicle Funding Article

Sandy distributed a copy of an article that appeared in the Attleboro Sun Chronicle indicating that \$500,000 is earmarked for Norton Rail Trail design and engineering in a state bond bill. The bill is not yet finalized, and of course things may change. We must wait to see what happens.

D. Next Steps

There was a brief discussion about things that need to be done. Sandy will need to talk with Mike Yunits about bids at some point. It was agreed that it is too early to lobby businesses for support or form a "Friends of the Trail" group. Ideas also included a kiosk and historical information on trail signs. We will wait until we know about funding for the design and engineering.

Open Session

A. Letter to Landowners

There was discussion about a letter to be sent to out-of-town owners of undeveloped land that might provide parking and access to the Rail Trail. Andrea Henry provided a sample letter and it was edited at the meeting.

B. Horse Trail Issues

Sandy will contact Catherine Weber to see if she wants to organize an informal group to consult on horse safety issues.

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
- Bike Safety Quiz

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM until the next meeting on Wednesday, May 21, at 7 PM at the Norton Town Hall Break Room.