



TOWN OF NORTON

Alternative Transportation Committee

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Date: October 2, 2017 Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Town Hall Break Room

Members & Staff Present:

Linda Kollett
Denny Goodrich
Sandy Ollerhead
Karen Kenter
Beata Schmid
Kathleen Ebert-Zawasky

Not Present:

Scott Holman

Guests: Jacqueline (Jacquie) Jones, Bill Napolitano from SRPEDD

I. The meeting was called to order at: 7:05 PM

II. Minutes from the _6/9/16 and 4/24/17 _ Meeting were reviewed and Approved with ___no___ adjustments.

Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions:

III. New Business

A. Update on Trail Design

1. Beta reports that things are on track for the 2019 date.
2. The 25% design will be ready in December
3. There will probably be a hearing on the project in January

B. Update from SRPEDD

1. Jacqueline Jones reported that the funds for the project will now come completely from state and federal funds.
 - A new date for release of funds has been set at 2021. Additional funds for contingencies are included in the grant.
 - It might be possible to move the date up. Discussion on this followed.
 - SRPEDD might be able to find other money
 - It was suggested that state senators and representatives should be contacted. There was emphasis on staying in touch with Congressmen. This contact will keep them up to date on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and remind them that the date was pushed out through no fault of our own.
 - Jacquie and Bill offered to review the update information before it is sent to Congressmen.
 - Bill noted that Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) often has money
 - Jacquie offered to send Beta an email to update them on the information.

- The engineers should not expand their time line. Ask them to contact the committee regarding any changes
- Engineers (Beta) and Town Manager Mike Yunits should be cc'd. on all emails.
- Others include Representative Kennedy, Bob Kimball, Chair of Selectmen, Jacquie and Bill.
- Beata emphasized that our emails should be very specific regarding what we want.
- Jacquie offered to keep an eye on the project funding.

2. Beta is calling the trail an extension to the Mansfield Viet Nam Memorial Trail. It was noted that the Norton portion needs its own name. A naming contest was suggested.

3. Trail Near Treatment Plant

This trail is completed. It was done by the treatment plant consortium and is not to committee specifications. There was some discussion about this.

4. There was discussion about extending the trail into the Industrial Park. The park should be approached about this. Employees in the park might use the trail to get to work.

IV. Open Session

A. There was a brief discussion about the Complete Streets project. The committee was asked to help with this. It was decided that more information was needed before a decision.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM until the next meeting to be announced

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes Approved by Committee on: 12/18/17
(Date)

Signatures:

Linda S. Kollect
(Name & Title)

Chairman, Danre M. Ullrich
(committee)