



TOWN OF NORTON

Alternative Transportation

(Committee)

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Date: 12.18.17 Time: 7 PM

Location:

Members & Staff Present: Sandy Ollerhead, Linda Kollett, Kathy Ebert-Zawasky, Karen Kenter Potty, Scott Hollman

Members Not Present: Denny Goodrich, Beata Schmid

Guests: Mike Yunits, Town Manager, Matt Shute (BETA), Nate Socha (BETA), Jackie Jones SRPEDD

The meeting was called to order at: 7:07 PM

Minutes from the 10.2.17 Meeting were reviewed and Approved with 1 adjustments.
Spelling of Scott Holman's name was corrected from Scot to Scott

Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions:

III New Business

BEATA's update on Trail Design – Matt Shute

1. Project Status

- a. ORAD has been issued (Order of Resource Delineation) (wetland approval)
- b. 25% design
 - i. showed the width of the trail and use of parts. Grass shown where horses will walk, need input from rider community for final design
 - ii. equestrian path mostly on right – might shift depending on terrain
 - iii. 1000 feet of trail will need timber fence due to the slope of trail - can be another material – cost may or may not be covered by Mass DOT depending on overall cost.
 - iv. Descriptions at Mansfield end of parking areas and street crossings, kiosks, benches, bike racks etc. Items for kiosk are responsibility of town. At Mansfield end the town of Norton has an easement on Mansfield land. Easement can be returned to Mansfield so they would have responsibility.
 - v. Once in Norton – approaches wetlands, will have to shift path and reduce width to 10'. Curve to LPS land. Will end pavement just before LPS land and will change surface to non-paved surface, some tree clearing, will add some new trees, will formalize parking area, kiosk area, dog waste station and trash barrel will need maintenance. Part of stone wall will have to be reset. Need safe crossing to sidewalk on other side of N Washington St. Will widen on both sides of street. At appropriate time committee should reach out to abutters about plans, augmenting Mass DOT effort. It is not taking any land from property. Some

negotiations will be needed for temporary easements. Standard crossing signs – taking another look.

- vi. Over bridge – bike lanes on outside with painted buffer line 3-4 'wide
- vii. Proposing new sidewalk on Cobb Street. Will be some temporary and a few permanent easements – hydrants and utility poles. 7 or 8 parking spots proposed. Standard crossing signs
- viii. Leaving Cobb street, will need fencing due to slope on left side
- ix. N Washington St crossing. Parking area, kiosk, some tree removal, relocation of gates. Some tree planting. Crossing signage is standard.
- x. Arrowhead will need an easement. North Washington Street crossing by Johnson Drive will need flashing lights
- xi. 123 crossing – coordinated with designer for 123 project. State will build wheel chair ramps at crossing. Overhead crossing lights – pedestrian hybrid beacon suggested. (no available data on # of trail users, warranted by best data available) Activated by a button. Amenities at crossing – may be a business planned at old station. Seating area, historical sign, informational board, area for potential bike repair.
- xii. Between 123 and Plain Street. Question about introducing some curvature. Wetland areas near Plain Street. Kiosk etc. at Plain Street, no parking
- xiii. Plain to Briggs Street – steep slopes on either side. Crosswalk, but street is dead end.
- xiv. Briggs to end of path. Potential overlook and seating area. Some clearing needed. Interpretive panel etc. (might need additional funding) Transitions from 12' width to 10-foot width. Some finishing touches will be added. End of trail –want an area similar to end of Mansfield trail. Gateway to path. Naming on monument is up for discussion. At 75% will need sign details, so if we are going to have a naming contest, need info by end of 2018. Matt will think about the timing a bit more. Parking on both sides of Crane Street – about 14 spaces total. Flashing beacons suggested.

- 2. See Matt's agenda for dates suggested – may change.
3 major permit filings at 75% submission

IV. Open Session

Letter to Paul Feeney – read and comment. See attached.
Letter will be left at Town Hall to sign once it is ready.

Meeting was adjourned at _9:38_ until the next meeting to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes Approved by Committee on: _____
(Date)

Signatures:

(Name & Title)

Chairman, _____
(committee)