



CITY OF DOVER

COMMUNITY TRAIL COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**
Meeting Location: **Conference Room, City Hall**
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, May 5, 2010**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

I. **In attendance:** Michele Alexander, Ken Costello, Marcia Gasses, Aviva Grasso, Suzanne Meadows, Art Mitchell, Mary Parker, and Mark Seymour

II. Urban Trail Segments

- a. **Ken Costello** – provided updated abutter planting/fencing estimate based upon design group decisions. Mary Parker inquired about a gate for her fence. Possible if it doesn't increase costs. Cedar stockade fencing or Cedar board with cap are the two options for abutter fencing. Upgrades from cedar board fencing to vinyl fencing would be at the cost of the abutter noted by Chair. Mary Parker requested one weeks notice prior to installation and that fence location be marked in advance. Michelle will confirm that city surveyor will mark property line for fences.
- b. **Bruce Woodruff** – Finance and Planning have been going over the Transportation Improvement Program financial status, especially of completed projects that may have funds left over. Left-over funds are being identified and tallied so a transfer resolution may be written and sent to the Council. This is in progress. The funds would appear to provide enough funding to cover the priority construction tasks for the Silver to Fisher portion of the trail at the very least.
- c. **Bruce Woodruff** – Abutter concerns about dog waste have been mitigated by erected signage. Abutter concerns about railroad ties have been addressed by letting those abutters know the ties used as trail delineation are temporary in nature and will be properly disposed of within 6 mos. To a year. Concerns about premature trail use would be very difficult to mitigate. Concerns about folks on the trail have been directed to the Police and abutters have been asked to report these occurrences to the Police for their action.
- d. **Aviva Grasso** – Clean-up Day update- Extensive clean up on downtown sections of trail and nearby land along the river by Garrison school volunteers and the Dover Police and their families. Aviva will request volunteer contact name from Dover Main Street so thank-you notes from the Trail Committee can be sent.
- e. **Graffiti** has been noted on the bridge and in the underpass. Michelle will inquire about appropriate color paint to cover graffiti. Mark Seymour suggested increased and ongoing school children participation in trail projects to create a sense of ownership and deter vandalism and that local teams use the trail to run/train on. Also discussed providing flyers again to seniors who overlook the train bridge to act as a community watch, which Mark Leno had done.
- f. **Michele Alexander** – DTC trailhead proposal update provided and copy of proposal provided to committee. Noted Ken Costello prepared trailhead sketch critical to proposal on short notice.
- g. **Bradley Olsen** was absent - no update on his section of the trail

III. Rural Trail Segments

- a. **Marcia Gasses & Mark Seymour** – Field Day & Clean Up at northern end of trail planned for May 15th, 2010. Aviva Grasso plans to attend and all trail committee members invited to participate. Michele Alexander will prepare a brochure and



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launch Facebook page. This event will serve as groundbreaking for parking lot planned for Watson Rd. trailhead, will contact Tritech for cost estimates.

- b. **Michele Alexander** – grant extension for Rt. 16 underpass secured. NHDOT document and plan requirements in progress for approval.

IV. Full Trail

- a. **Signage Plan** – Both Marcia and Michele have been investigating signage for the trail and will work together to develop a comprehensive signage plan.
- b. **Fargo and Hardwick** were absent – no update on Friends of the Trail

V. Comments

- a. Art Mitchell noted that Trail Committee was working very hard and as a citizen of Dover he was impressed by the progress.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.