

July 21, 2006

Minutes

7/21/06 – 3:00 pm, Town Administrative Offices

Attendance: Jack McCartney, Wayne Morris, John Mangan, Mark Samsel, Jonathan Normington, Dave Sullivan

Meeting called to order at 3:05 pm

Minutes of October 28, 2005 and February 17, 2006: Discussion of minutes tabled until future meeting.

New Business:

Selectmen Representative: Mr. Samsel informed the Committee that Margaret Crisler is the new Selectmen representative on the committee.

Windham Rail Trail Status: Mr. Samsel advised the committee that the binder coat has been completed on the Depot Trail project. The final coat of pavement will be applied in the future once all settling and other issues, if any, are addressed.

The Committee discussed several items being submitted to the Highway Safety Committee for consideration including “pedestrian crossing” signage, painting of crosswalks, and possible reduction of the speed limit on Depot Road. The Committee is also going to be requesting of the NHDRED to review the types of gates that are used on the trail and suggest that the gates be replaced with a swing type of gate for ease of emergency access. Parking area concerns will be also discussed with representatives of NHDRED in the near future.

Mark mentioned that the Trail Alliance is working on an opening ceremony to be held sometime in August.

Meeting with Commissioner Bald: Committee members discussed the upcoming meeting with NHDRED Commissioner Bald scheduled for Friday, July 28th. The meeting will focus on the Town’s interest in developing a long term agreement to use the buildings at the Depot as well as implementing the grant that the Town has been awarded to begin improving and beautifying the Depot area beginning around 2008. Mr. Sullivan, Mr. McCartney, and Mr. Samsel will be attending as well as other members if available.

Old Business:

Transportation Enhancement Funding Status: Mr. Sullivan discussed the need to submit a continuing request for funding through the CIP process for the 20% matching cost associated with the Depot Enhancement Project Grant. Said request will be submitted for 2008.

Caboose Offer: The Committee discussed an offer from a private source to donate a Caboose used on the Boston and Maine railroad for display at the Depot. Significant interest was expressed by all however several issues first need to be worked out before the Committee can proceed. Items such as the cost of moving, renovating, and maintaining the Caboose needs to be known, as well as where it can be stored. The Committee will request being placed on an upcoming agenda of the Historic District Commission to discuss this offer further and to seek the Commission's input.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for August 4, 2006 at 3:00 pm pending results of meeting with the Commissioner of 7/28.

Motion to adjourn by John Mangan. Jack McCartney seconded. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Minutes submitted for approval by Dave Sullivan