

Minutes of the Rail Trail Committee
Thursday, May 2
6PM in the Norton Public Library

I. The meeting was called to order by Karen Kenter-Potty at 6 PM

II. Old Business

Electing a secretary. Andrea Henry and Linda Kollett were both elected to share the secretary position.

III. New Business

A. Publicity

There was discussion about publicizing the meetings. Suggestions included Norton Patch, the town web site via the Town Clerk, Facebook (Sandy offered to do this), Norton Cable - must be posted a week in advance (Betty Lou offered to do this), The Norton Mirror and the Attleboro Sun Chronicle.

B. Questionnaire Update

Bill Napolitano from SERPDD reviewed responses to the questionnaire from Mansfield and Mattapoisett.

C. Grant Procedure Overview.

Jackie Schmidt gave a detailed overview of grant procedures. Jackie and Bill both answered questions from members of the committee and there was some discussion. Jackie offered to send a copy of the presentation to Karen Kenter-Potty for distribution to the committee.

D. Topics for Next Meeting

1. Publicity. The possibility of a brochure and a web site were discussed. It is possible to get small grants to pay for the design and printing of the brochures. SERPDD can print small numbers of brochures, but other sources should be investigated.

There was also discussion about Weebly, a website that provides inexpensive domain names (\$10) and a free place for a web page (www.weebly.com/). The Taunton River Trail Website is on Weebly (tauntonrivertrail.weebly.com/). Jackie offered to manage the website.

It was also suggested that we should consider a display for the town picnic on June 22nd.

2. Letter for the Board of Selectmen

This needs to be prepared

3. Meeting with the Town Manager

The meeting has been set for May 21st at 3:30 PM in Town Hall.

4. Open Discussion

There was discussion about moving the meeting place to another site so that the meetings can continue beyond 7:00. If this becomes a town committee, the Town Hall can be used. Ralph Stephanelli suggested contacting the VFW for a space.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kollett (with thanks to Kathy Zawasky for her notes)