



Rail Trail Committee

Minutes for the May 26, 2005 Meeting

7:50 pm

Attendees

Joe Geller

David Reed

Greg Demers

Kathie Tremblay

Nancy Luther

Jim MacDougall

David Smith, Associate

Guests

Chris O'Connor

New Business

Officers elected: Joe Geller Chair, Jim MacDougall, Clerk

1. The Topsfield Library will establish a reference shelf for trail related books and brochures.
2. Joe recommend a letterhead which was approved.
3. A schedule of regular meetings was established to occur on the 2nd Monday of the month, excepting the next meeting which will take place on June 20, 2005 at 7:30 pm in the Town Hall.
4. Motion was made and passed to establish a web page to inform the general public of our purpose and progress. The web page will be called "topsfieldtrail.org". Joe will request funding for the web site from the Selectmen's slush fund.
5. The committee began a process of acquiring information for background to assess needs. Information is needed on the list of neighbors along the trail, requirements for disabled users, limitations of crossing Route One for pedestrians, state law on rail easement conveyance and salvage of rails to name a few.
6. David Reed and Nancy Luther agreed to represent the Committee at the Mass. Electric meeting hosted by the Georgetown rail trail committee on June 7.
7. The Committee will walk the north section of the trail on June 18 at 5 pm meeting at the Bike Shop.
8. Motion made and approved to remind the Selectmen to sign the standard lease with MBTA for the south portion of the trail and which has be recommended for approval by the Open Space Committee and reviewed by Town Counsel.

Submitted: June 7, 2005; Jim MacDougall