



# Rail Trail Committee

Draft Minutes for the August 15, 2005 Meeting

7:50 pm

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## Attendees

Joe Geller

Frank Bodengraven

Gregg Demers

Kathie Tremblay

Nancy Luther

Jim MacDougall

David Read

David Smith, Associate

## Reports

On September 20 there will be a Trail Advocacy Meeting hosted by Senator Resor and held at the State House.

The MBTA Lease was delivered to Town Counsel, Mark Reisch. Joe acquired the Town's Insurance rider.

David Read has compiled the binder with a draft version of the Position Paper.

Massachusetts has been ear-marked for \$40,000,000 in federal Transportation funds for trail improvements. Bill Steelman from ENHC is working on the details.

Josh Lehman has buckets of money for trail projects.

## Old Business

1. The Town Council has reviewed the new MBTA lease and is not comfortable with the liability indemnification clause. It may turn out that our insurance company may not cover the Town's exposure to liability from use or administration of the trail. How did Salem and Marblehead handle the Lead Mills issue on their rail-trail conversion?

2. We need to research which other municipalities have signed the MBTA Lease agreement.

## New Business

Frank introduced the need to "market" the rail trail to Topsfield residents and suggested promoting this on the Fair Night. There was unanimous agreement and it needs further discussion at the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:35 pm

Submitted by JimMacDougall November 14, 2005