



Rail Trail Committee

Draft Minutes for the October 4, 2005 Meeting

7:45 pm

Attendees

Frank Bodengraven

Gregg Demers

Joe Geller, Chairman

Jim MacDougall

David Reed

Reports

1. Joe reported that the Malden Trail may be approved tonight by the Malden City Council.
2. It was reported that as far as we can tell, the Town has no volunteer insurance.
3. News via Jordy Vining that Newburyport City Council voted to sign an agreement with MBTA.
4. Joe reported that approval of the recent federal transportation budget included \$800,000 for the Border to Boston Trail. No one seems to know anything about this fund. It may be administered through the Essex National Heritage Commission and we should follow up with Congressman Tierney's staff Gary Bartlett in Peabody or Kevin McDermott in Washington DC.

Old Business

1. John McArdle is in a rehab facility recovering from a serious illness and may not be attending Selectmen's meetings for an indefinite time. It was agreed to visit him and bring along a draft of the new Position Paper for his review and suggested changes before it is finalized. Copies of the Position Paper will also be delivered to Boyd Jackson and Ron Koosmar.
2. We need to contact Woburn, Somerville and Stoneham to confirm agreement status' with each town and the MBTA.
3. We need to add the Insurance letter to the Position Paper.

New Business

1. Joe initiated discussion of establishing a revolving fund for the Topsfield Trail. As it stands now, all monies collected go into the general fund. A revolving fund must be approved at Town Meeting. One question remained unanswered: is there a cap on the amount held in the account?

Submitted: November 14, 2005; Jim MacDougall