



Town of Topsfield

TOPSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Rail Trail Committee

TRTC-Minutes-031907

Minutes of the Committee Meeting
7:30 PM, March 19, 2007
“Open Forum at the Topsfield Town Library”
Discussion of Phase I (Main to Washington Streets)

Members present: David Read, Joe Geller, Gregg Demers, Nancy Luther, David Smith

Name	Address	Town	Email
Matthew Duggin		Danvers	
Brian Woodland	58 Main St..	Topsfield	
Conrad Willeman		Wenham	
Acting Chief Jerry Harrison	210 Boston St.	Topsfield	Topsfield107@verizon.net
Margie Dickinson	202 Haverhill Rd.	Topsfield	cpeach@comcast.net
Michael DeAmario	43Grove St.	Topsfield	deamario@comcast.net
Chief Evan Haglund			Evan.Haglund@verizon.net
Jim Callahan	22 Parsonage Lane	Topsfield	
Heidi Fox	31 Wildes Rd.	Topsfield	andyfox@comcast.net
Sue & Charlie Wilkinson	48 Pemberton Rd.	Topsfield	
Betsy Goodrich	Rail Trail Conservancy	Lowell	betsy@railstotrail.org
Jeanne Pickering	12 Willowdale Rd.	Topsfield	jeannepickering@gmail.com
Bob & Cathy Morgan	20 Washington St.	Topsfield	cathyanmorgan@verizon.net

Old Business: No old business discussed.

New Business:

1. Joe Geller presented a slide show of the entire length of Topsfield Linear Common.
2. Discussion from Cathy Morgan and the Wilkinson's centered around privacy and security issues. The committee responded that mitigation issues would be looked into. Dave Read and Betsy Goodrich talked about several trails (Manchester, Ma and the Minuteman, amongst others) that initially worried trail neighbors so they put up fences. After the trail was used for a while gates were installed in the fences to allow trail access. Proximity of the house to the trail was featured in real estate listings.
3. Acting Chief Harrison noted that it is important, for safety reasons, to keep automobiles off the trail and barriers should be considered.

4. Heidi Fox added that she was confident the rail trail committee would address trail neighbors concerns.
5. The presentation adjourned at 9:30.
6. A business meeting followed. Gregg Demers made a motion that the Rail Trail Committee support Brian Woodland's plans, as shown, for Topsfield Station and the layout of the rail trail through the property on which Topsfield has an easement to build the recreational trail.
7. The business meeting ended at 9:45.