



Town of Topshfield

TOPSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Rail Trail Committee

Minutes of Committee Meeting May 29, 2007 7:30 PM

Members Present: Joe Geller, Gregg, Demers, Dave Read
Guests: Roy Baessler, Mathew Renda, Eric Renda, Dave Anderson

New Business:

1. *Trail surfaces:* The group discussed various types of trail surfaces and the pros and cons of each with regard to potential types of trail users: bikes (mountain/hybrid/road), horses, rollerbladers, runners, baby carriages, etc.
 - a. Joe mentioned that most likely the Conservation Commission prefers asphalt surfaces for trails
 - b. As a next step Roy will get specs for both asphalt and stone dust and get estimates for each on a third of a mile trail.
2. *Wetland issues:* Joe will set up a walk of the trail with the head of the Conservation Commission to review any wetland issues along the trail.
3. *Grants:* Greg discussed his company's charitable arm (ERM Foundation) and the grant process we would be eligible to apply for. The Trail project could receive an additional \$5,000 to \$30,000.
4. *Map:* Joe and Gregg will work on getting a D size map of the trail and surrounding area.
5. *Town Survey:* if we do a town survey it was decided that we should wait until we have more information from the Mass Highway Commission's Trail Committee.
6. *Eagle Scout project:* Boy Scout (Mathew) is willing to help clear the trail as part of his community service needed to count toward his Eagle Scout criteria.
7. *Ipswich River bridge work:* the group discussed approaching Lowe's or Home Depot for Community Grant to help put a deck on the bridge.
8. *Strawberry Festival:* Dave Read and Kathy Trembly will organize a booth at the festival.
9. *Next meeting:* A date for the next meeting was set for June 25th

Minutes by Dave Read
Meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM