



Town of Topsfield

TOPSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Rail Trail Committee

Draft Minutes of Committee Meeting November 16, 2011 – 7:55 PM

Members Present: Joe Geller (chair), Dave Read (arrived 9:00) , Roy Baessler, Kat Tremblay, and Katherine Carlson

Guests: Kerry and Dave Burke, Bill Rossiter, Bill Walburn

1. Misc. Correspondance was presented by Joe Geller. Included were request for info from Salisbury RT, misc. letters of thanks, info about the Leominster Conference
2. Joe presented a report on a Srofford and Thorndike presentation that he attended on 11/15/11 for Boxford, Georgetown, Newbury, Salisbury regarding the 12 ½ % trail design.
3. Updates on the Rte. 1 and 97 crossings were given. Discussion about a strobe light being installed @ Rte 1. Motion made and seconded to recommend to the Selectman the expenditure of up to \$10K for design services for the Rte. 1 trail crossing. Motion passed unanimously.
4. K. Carlson presented an update on the knotweed problem, and showed pictures of the invasive species at various times as a way to educate our volunteers of the necessity of proper cutting/control.
5. Holiday Walk: K. Tremblay asked for volunteers to help with lighting: the Burkes said they would help.
6. The problem of erosion near the 97 crossing was discussed, as were the culverts. Roy has drawings, and will be attending a meeting of the ConsCom on 11/30/11.
7. The minutes of 8/16/11 were approved unanimously.
8. Roy has drawn up a list of ongoing maintenance areas, and each person has agreed to take on a (or several) tasks.
9. There was a lengthy discussion about signage, and the ongoing trash problem. K. Tremblay will chair the signage and report back at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM

Respectfully submitted, Katherine Carlson