



Town of Topsfield

TOPSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Rail Trail Committee

Minutes of Committee Meeting December 17, 2010 – 8:30 PM

Members Present: Joe Geller (chair), Dave Read, Roy Baessler, and Katherine Carlson

1. **Old Business:** Minutes from the November 1st meeting were approved unanimously with no changes.
2. **Wenham meeting with IHPS:** Yesterday (December 16th) the Town of Wenham hosted a three town meeting (Wenham, Danvers and Topsfield) with Joe Hattrup to discuss progress and next steps for the spring of 2011. One of the trail amenities that IHP will install as part of their remaining work for the trail is bollards to help prevent motorized vehicles from accessing the trail and to help identify upcoming intersections along the trail for users. Danvers and Wenham have already identified locations for 22 bollards and Joe H. asked Topsfield where we would like them installed.
3. **MPO meeting:** Joe G. recently attended a meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in Arlington. They will be soon allocating \$2M in grants via the Clean Air and Mobility Program (CAMP) and in the past they have funded traffic control systems like we need at Route 97. Applications are due in February and Mass-DOT guidelines must be followed. Mass-DOT approves the design and they install them (not the town). A Proponent Input Day may be scheduled in the near future where every organizations requesting a grant is allowed to present their proposal for 15 minutes.
4. **Trail Maintenance Equipment:** The committee voted unanimously to approve up to \$3,500 purchase a tractor, cart and weed-whacker to be used to maintain the trail. Roy will purchase.
5. **Route 97 crossing:** Joe will work with Dave Bond of the Topsfield Highway Department to see where the trail should go across from the canoe landing in relation to the abutters.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

Respectfully submitted, Dave Read