

**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF LYNNFIELD**

Committee Name: Lynnfield Recreational Path Committee

Day/Date: Thursday, October 12, 2017

Time of Meeting: 7PM

Location: Town Hall, Maney Meeting Room

AGENDA AND MINUTES

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Russell with a pledge of allegiance.

Committee members in attendance: Sheila Aronson, Robert Almy, Joel Steiner, Gerard Noumi, Matt DiVirgilio, Mike D'Amore, and Randall Russell. Selectman liaison Dalton was present. Public attendees were Ken MacNulty, Pat Campbell. Phil Hertz of the North Reading Land Utilization Committee, Ken Burnham of the Lynnfield Center Water District were present to discuss item 3.a.

2. Old Business

a. Approve minutes from meeting on September 18, 2017

The minutes from the September 18 meeting were approved.

3. New Business

a. Update on North Reading rail trail proposal idea (featuring a representative from North Reading to describe the idea and/or Ken Burnham, Lynnfield Water District)

The Committee received a short status report regarding North Reading's interest in rails to trails conversion in the N.E. portion of Lynnfield by Phil Hertz of the North Reading Land Utilization Committee. They have been working with the North Reading Town Planner on part of a Wilmington to Peabody trail to link with the existing greenway. A portion of the potential path would be in property managed by the Town of Lynnfield on behalf of the Lynnfield Center Water District as one of its groundwater source areas.

Selectman Dalton reported that the potential project had been discussed at the N. Shore Planning Council meeting earlier in the day.

Ken Burnham, Superintendent of the Lynnfield Center Water District provided an overview of the District's current efforts to find additional supplies near the potential path route. The District is focusing its efforts on groundwater in this area because alternative sources, such as connection to MWRA, are significantly more expensive. Mr. Burnham indicated that the District would not support development of a rail to trails in this area until additional supplies are identified and firmed up.

Approved Minutes

b. Report from subcommittees on work done since last meeting:

i. Update on 25% Public Hearing (date, location, etc.)

There is still no date for a 25% design hearing. DOT reports that the engineering consultant is reviewing DOT comments on the draft design and a meeting to discuss the comments will be held when that review is complete. DOT indicates that the two towns will be invited to that meeting.

ii. Update on Lynnfield public meeting(s) to help citizens prep for Public Hearing

A meeting room has been reserved in the middle school for public workshops to be held before the 25% design hearing. Due to delay in the hearing the reservation for 11/15 will be dropped, the reservation for 12/5 will be kept. A reservation date for mid-January will be made in case the hearing is further delayed.

iii. Press Releases to be issued

The committee discussed the timing and content of press releases for public information purposes. The first press release will indicate the availability of materials on the Town website. A subsequent press release will focus on the public workshop.

iv. Other committee updates

The subcommittee on legal issues continues to work on a summary for the public.

The Subcommittee comprising Mike, Jared and Rob offered to discuss potential issues with the chairman of the Town Conservation Commission.

Subcommittee comprising Matt, Rob and Jared to look into financial issues.

c. Identify next steps and next meeting date

Mr. Dalton suggested that the various project cost be identified and a plan for acquiring funding be developed. The committee identified the need to fund further design and permitting to continue the process after the 25% design. The committee indicated that they would brief the Board of Selectmen prior to the public workshop.

The next meeting will be held November 9th at 7:00 PM

4. Public comment on any issues of interest to the Committee.

Mrs. Campbell raised several issues including: the need for objectivity of any public presentation, the need to discuss all options (including the N. Reading option), look for alternatives that end at different locations such as the middle school and high school. Mrs. Campbell raised issues of gas leaks in Lynnfield and cancer clusters in Newburyport. Fiscal issues should include design and maintenance costs to the town. The Town should read the MBTA lease because she believes that the lease can be taken back from the town in 2 years and that any injury claims submitted to the MBTA could be sent to the town.

5. Adjourn

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 8:30.