

**TOWN OF ASHBURNHAM
RAIL TRAIL MINUTES
AUGUST 14, 2006
STEVENS MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

The meeting of the Ashburnham Rail Trail Committee was held at Stevens Memorial Library on Monday, August 14, 2006.

Sworn-in members in attendance: Sallie Thoma and Barnie Hines

Absent members were: Irene Gelinias and Brian Moorhead

Interested parties also present: Sherisa Sterling and Paula Gorrell

Ex-officio member in attendance: Eric Smith, Town Planner

Cec Snow (ACT) and Chris Picone now a member of ConCom along with Mark Dymek were also in attendance.

A discussion with Mark Dymek about an alternate route for the rail trail possibly through a vacant lot owned by Scott Bingham and John Rahaim (Map 20 Parcel 74 on Assessors map) or maybe going up Mele Ave. would possibly have to have a sidewalk installed along Center Street for a distance of about 1,100 feet. Would the state fund the sidewalk if we choose to go that route? Discussion on easement on open space and purchase of rail bed from Mark Dymek, who said he is willing to work with us on an agreeable price.

Wednesday, August 23rd at 7:00 p.m. is a Board of Appeals meeting for hearing on 40B Comprehensive permit for Whitney Park Estates.

Cec made a recommendation that Secretary (Irene Gelinias) email minutes to us so we could look them over and come to the meeting with any additions or corrections, that would cut down on us all ready them the night of the meeting. Emails to be added to our list are satinday@verizon.net for Sherisa Sterling and pigorerrell@msn.com for Paula Gorrett. Because there was lack of a quorum (only 2 of the 5 members were present) we could not approve June or July's minutes.

Eric Smith asked if there were any comments on "RFP" that he had forwarded to us to look over. Corrections on copy to be done and spaces will be filled in with appropriate station numbers on the copy. Eric told us that our contact Kelley Conway at Guertin, Elkerton & Associates have been brought out by S.E.A.

Our next meeting is September 11th. Sallie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 and Barnie seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Barnie Hines