

COCHITUATE RAIL TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING

December 6, 2010

Attendance:

Name	Affiliation	Term Expires	Present	
			Yes	No
Josh Ostroff	Board of Selectmen	June 30, 2013	X	
Patrick Reffett	Community Development Director	June 30, 2013	X	
John Griffiths	Recreation & Parks Commission	June 30, 2011	X	
A. Richard Miller	Bicycle and Pedestrian	June 30, 2012	X	
William Schoenig	Member at Large (chair)	June 30, 2013	X	
David Camacho	Member at Large (vice chair)	June 30, 2012	X	
Michael Manzo	Member at Large (clerk)	June 30, 2013	X	
Peter Henry	Member at Large	June 30, 2013	X	
Jan Henderson	Member at Large	June 30, 2011	X	

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m. No Executive Session was needed and the Committee went directly into the proposed Agenda.

1. **Committee Reorganization:** Given the recent turnover and term expirations of various members it was necessary to elect a new Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk. The following members were nominated and unanimously approved by the Committee:
 - Will Schoenig, Chair
 - Dave Camacho, Vice Chair
 - Mike Manzo, Clerk

2. **CSX Update:** Josh provided an update on status of CSX discussions. He indicated the town’s initial proposal has been formally submitted to CSX and awaiting a response, and that these negotiations are often very drawn out. Josh also made note of approximately \$350,000 in earmarked Open Space funds available to the CRT project is set to expire in early 2011 and needs to be put to use or risk losing claim to the funds.

3. **2011 Work Plan:** A general overview of top priorities for 2011 was discussed by the Committee as follows:
 - a) **Survey:** Beta Group Engineers is preparing a cost estimate and proposal for survey work of the trail;
 - b) **Wetlands:** It was agreed that a formal RDA for wetlands should be prepared for the Conservation Commission; Motion to authorize Chair to prepare the RDA was voiced and approved;
 - c) **Spring Town Meeting:** Committee discussed that a project update, including potentially needing to request additional appropriations of funds, should be part of the Spring Town Meeting Agenda;

- d) **Friends of CRT:** The Committee discussed benefits of formally establishing a non-profit volunteer community group to raise awareness and sponsorship money for the project. Also discussed partnership with similar existing Framingham non-profit group.

- 4. ***Framingham CRT Update:*** Chair of the Framingham CRT Committee provided a status update on their progress with CSX, initial development of their sections of the trail and various issues they've encountered with neighbors and commercial businesses along the trail route, in particular the TJX Companies.

- 5. ***Meeting Minutes 6/9/10:*** The last prepared minutes, for the meeting on 6/9/10, were reviewed and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.