

COCHITUATE RAIL TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING

June 1, 2011

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 6:15 p.m. in the Selectmen's Conference Room.

1. **RFP Review:** Josh provided to the committee an outline of elements to consider for a RFP revisiting the concept of a combined transit/trail use of the CSX line. The Transit Authority has expressed interest in exploring this option once again, and given the current state of negotiations with CSX the group feels its worth consideration and further analysis. The committee advised on priorities and additional thoughts and a memo has been prepared for briefing to both the BOS and Con Com.

Committee Member Dick Miller voiced his opposition to the multi-model trail concept as being contemplated by the proposed RFP citing concerns it could adversely effect the acquisition value of the land (to favor CSX) as well as the fact that a similar proposal brought before various Natick town Committees in 2007 was voted down.

2. **CSX Negotiations:** Relating to the CSX discussions, Peter suggested the tactic of more effectively contacting members of Congress concerning the inaction of CSX and the idea of joining other rail trail groups around the country to help influence CSX to be more responsive and amendable in their negotiations.
3. **Open Space Funds:** The committee was informed that Town Meeting has appropriated the remaining \$440,000 of Open Space funds to rail trail and/or real property acquisition use, the balance of which needs to be used by January 13th, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.