

Agenda and Minutes
TOWN OF LYNNFIELD

Committee Name: Lynnfield Recreational Path Committee
Day/Date: October 9, 2018
Time of Meeting: 7PM
Location: H J Maney Meeting Room, Town Hall

AGENDA with MINUTES

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Noumi.

Committee members in attendance: Gerard Noumi, Robert Almy, Joel Steiner, Mark Mosca, Marian Orfeno, and Randall Russell

Members of the public in attendance: Axel Wirth

2. Old Business

- a. Approve minutes from past meeting

Minutes from the September 27 meeting were approved.

3. New Business

- a. Review and finalize Legal Summary of the DOT Lease

- i. Executive Summary recommendations outstanding

The summary of contract issues was discussed. A list of main points will be added to the introduction. Key issues include 1) Town (Board of Selectmen) must sign the lease, 2) MBTA holds absolute title to the corridor, and 3) potential contamination issues are addressed through State Best Management Practices and “environmental insurance.” The summary will be provided to the Board at the next briefing and posted on the website.

- b. FAQ Updates

The Committee discussed the FAQs and offered some suggestions for updates. When completed the updated FAQs will be posted on the Town website on the Committee page.

- c. DOT Presentation: Awaiting feedback on timing from WorldTech

- i. Discuss next steps for Sub-committee

The Town still has no feedback for WorldTech or DOT regarding the 25% public hearing. Gerard will request the Town Administrator contact Wakefield and DOT to see what the status is. In addition, the Committee requests a summary from the WorldTech spring workshop.

- d. Board of Selectman Update from the Committee/ Targeting Oct-Nov

The Committee discussed several possible dates for a presentation to update the Board of Selectmen. November 5 was settled on as the target date. The Committee discussed a rough draft presentation based on the current FAQs. Marian will take the draft, revise it and share it with Marc, Rob and Gerry. The revised draft will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

e. Next Meetings: 10/29 - Confirm November date

The next Committee meetings will be October 29 and November 15. The Committee will discuss a public outreach through local media based on the November 5 presentation.

f. Updates since last meeting

i. Selectman Dalton/ Rob Dolan

No updates were presented.

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

Wirth that soil contamination was most common on electrified rail systems and pointed out that the Lynnfield corridor was never electrified.

He also pointed out that the most recent UN Climate Change Report indicated that there needed to be a fundamental change in transportation habits to reduce CO2 emissions.

5. Adjourn

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 8:30.