

# CITY OF BARRE MEETING MINUTES

**Committee/board:** Barre City Multi-Use (Bike) Path Committee

**Date of meeting:** May 8, 2019

**Location of meeting:** City Hall

**Board/committee members in attendance:** Scott Bascom, Steve Mackenzie, Stephanie Quaranta, Dan Souza

**Board/committee members absent:** Charlie Dindo, Ben Brown

**Others in attendance:** Bill Ahearn, Giuliano Cecchinelli, Mayor Herring

**Topic(s) Discussed (use additional sheets as necessary):**

The committee discussed merging the Routes and Trails advisory group with the Multi-Use (Bike) Path committee. City Engineer Bill Ahearn spoke of the Routes and Trails group and how the two committees are working toward similar goals. He noted the neighborhood playgrounds and working to make access safer as well as looking at sidewalks and intersections and ways to connect current paths. After a brief introduction and discussion the group agreed that merging the two would be beneficial as well as provide a stronger committee base. The name change to "Path, Routes and Trails" committee would be recommended to the City Council for adoption consideration.

The Rail Trail was discussed. This trail currently runs along City owned land. The trail is of solid material and in good shape. There is one area near Basset Street where the water settles and some drainage work would be beneficial. The slope on Berlin Street is a little steep and there was discussion on perhaps grading that section to lessen the incline. The City Engineer noted that his crew already drives out that area as they have utilities they maintain on the path. There was discussion on how to connect getting on and off the trail. The group discussed intersections of concern and will continue to discuss these at future meetings.

The Committee agreed that the Dubois & King, Inc. Metro-Way segment proposal was acceptable and discussed a few items such as the borings that would need to be taken. It was recommended that this move forward for City Council approval. The City will perform a lot of the work; however, it does not appear construction will begin this summer as there are many projects lined up at this time for DPW personnel.

The Committee discussed a River Street Feasibility study to see if a path was possible in that area and what could or could not be done to create a path. The committee had agreed at a previous meeting that having Dubois & King prepare this would be beneficial. It was also discussed and agreed that attempting to write a grant at this time would not be beneficial, however in another year that would may be reintroduced once we learn of the findings from the Dubois & King report.

**Meeting adjourned:** 6:40 p.m.

**Next meeting date/time/location (if known):** Wednesday June 12, 2019, 5:00 p.m. City Council Chambers

**Person filing minutes:** Stephanie Quaranta (signature)