

CITY OF BARRE MEETING MINUTES

Committee/board: Paths, Routes & Trails Committee

Date of meeting: August 14, 2019

Location of meeting: City Hall

Board/committee members in attendance: Steve Mackenzie, Stephanie Quaranta, Giuliano Ceechinelli, Charlie Dindo, Mark Martin, Bill Ahearn, Karen Nelson, Timothy Terway, Scott Bascom, Dan Souza

Board/committee members absent: _____

Others in attendance: Mayor Herring

Topic(s) Discussed:

A motion was made by Charlie Dindo, second Mark Martin to appoint Scott Bascom as Chairperson and Dan Souza as Vice Chairperson – motion carried. A motion was made by Mark Martin, second Scott Bascom to appoint Timothy Terway as Secretary – motion carried.

John Benson and Julia Urasaki from Dubois and King were present to review the River Street Feasibility Study that they completed for the City. There were question on how best to proceed, specifically adjacent to the Nativi Playground. There have been discussions with an adjoining property owner as one possibility would involve a portion of the owner’s property. City Engineer Ahearn and City Manager Makenzie will meet again as there are some storm water regulation mandates that adding a path might be beneficial to both the landowner and the City. Other discussions centered around traffic, line of site, making sure the path was connected point to point as well as a few more cost effective changes to existing streets and bridges.

City Engineer Bill Ahearn spoke of the “pop-ups” that have been placed at various locations in the City. They are intended as trials to see if they change the flow of traffic, parking, walkability, etc. He has created a survey that is on the City web site to receive input from the public. He noted it was clear to see where there was some resistance such as across from the South end Cumberland Farms. Overall they have provided some valuable insight and permanent changes will be made to those that show success.

A discussion was held on the replacing of existing sidewalks to assist in providing safe connectivity to segments of the path.

The old railroad bed currently supports some good biking. There was a discussion on ways to perhaps make an easier access point on Berlin Street where the old railroad bridge once crossed.

A brief discussion was held regarding a bike meter that would measure the traffic on the path, providing a good tool to determine usage. A member indicated that the State might have such a meter that could be loaned to the City.

Meeting adjourned: 7:00 p.m.

Next meeting date/time/location (if known): Wednesday September 11, 2019 5:00 p.m. City Council Chambers

Person filing minutes: Stephanie Quaranta (signature)