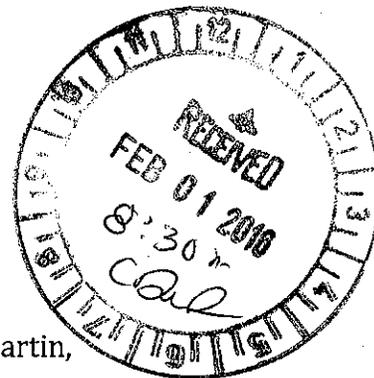


**Minutes of Thomaston Greenway
Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 28, 2016 - Special Meeting
Town Hall, Selectman's Conference Room**



Members present: W. Cummings, L. Weeks, B. Dwan, S. Abbott, G. Wilson, M. Martin,
Others present: N. Johnson (joining)

Meeting commenced at 7:15pm

Meeting Schedule for 2016

W. Cummings proposed that the committee would hold this year's meetings on the 4th Thursday of each month starting at 7:15pm in the Selectman's conference room. Members voted and agreed on the proposed 2016 schedule

Recreational Trails Grant/Bidding process - trail design follow up

DEEP GRANT issued in 2015. W. Cummings went before the BOF this summer which was followed by a town meeting.

In November, the COG put the trail design out for bid and we received 9 proposals. Several members reviewed the proposals. We narrowed down the proposals to five candidates and spent a day interviewing all five. A candidate was selected.

A BOS meeting was held on 1/19. Mark Nielsen of COG did an excellent presentation. He was followed by Dennis David and Sal Santa Maria of the Transfer Station who raised space issues and other obstacles in having the trail on the Thomaston side of Branch Brook. The conclusion was:

The BOS is interested in exploring all options that include the original conceptual plan as well as potential alternates that would;

- 1. Design and construct a trail in Thomaston utilizing the allotted grant fund*
- 2. Consider alternates that would not impact the Transfer Station*

Bird Monitoring Study

Jeremy Leifert completed the Alder Flycatcher monitoring study. A final report will be submitted to the State this week.

Website

Chuck Berger of Watertown would like to be part of the website; The committee agreed that we should hold off launching a website until the engineering study is nearly complete.

Other Business:

2016 Trail Day in June is being planned.

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:45p.m.