

Minutes of the Thomaston Greenway Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 27, 2016
Town Hall – Selectmen's Conference Room

Members present: W. Cummings, S. Abbott, N. Johnson

Meeting commenced at 7:15pm.

Announcements: Chuck Berger, our Wtn counterpart for the Wtn/Thomaston Greenway has retired. His boss will fill in after he leaves.

I Recreational Trails [DEEP] Grant

Some of the delay in redefining the scope with the contractor is due to the questions about using and rehabbing the Trolley Bridge or building a new one and the number of critical elements that need to be designed along the Watertown section. COG is negotiating with the contractor over hourly rates.

II NAA Proposal [Neighborhood Assistance Act]

This act provides that CT-based businesses that support the approved projects with donations are eligible for a 60% State tax credit. On Aug 24th, the town sent out letters to 10 companies. The money will be used to purchase bicycle racks for 3 town recreational parks, the town hall and the Center School. The State needs to put together their summary of all towns and then they will send out to the towns. That should occur by the end of year. We did get some pledges that will be announced later.

III Historic Markers

WC mentioned the plaques placed on historic houses in St Andrews Canada. This would be a nice addition in our historic town, esp on the Clock Walk. WC has been in contact with the St Andrews Historic Trust and will pursue this project outside of the Greenway Committee.

IV Other

It would be good to pursue alliances with other interested trail people to partner with our NRG trail: Suggestions are the Cross-country track people at THS and the Blue Trail organization. Parts of the Wtn/Thomaston trail are designated Blue Trails.

V Public Comment - None

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

NOTE: No meetings are scheduled November and December due to the holidays.