

VILLAGE PATHWAY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
12/6/07-Approved 1/10/08

Members Present:

Ginny Lovett  
Pam Coburn  
Mark Donohoe  
Ann Brienza

Staff Present:

Angela LaBrecque, Town Planner

Ginny Lovett opened the meeting at approximately 4:05 PM. Ginny agreed to provide minutes for this meeting.

Officers were appointed by consensus: Ginny Lovett-Chairperson, Ann Brienza-Secretary

Ginny Lovett noted that she posted a volunteer advertisement in Sun, Citizen and Meredith News. Erin Plummer from the Citizen sat in on the first part of our meeting.

Interviews with contacts were shared.

1. Ginny Lovett spoke to Robert Houseman of Wolfeboro and was able to go over the list of questions. He had many things to share about his experience with developing a multi-use pathway along a railroad. Federal funding made up 80% of the project budget, though there were many regulations and requirements associated with it. The notes from their conversation are in the Village Pathway Committee file at the Annex.
2. Mark Donohoe spoke to Diane Hanley from Laconia WOW Trail briefly. She suggested Mark speak to Jim Learner about the Rails to Trails group.
3. Ann Brienza spoke to Rick Silverberg from the Franklin, Tilton, Northfield, and Winnepesaukee River Trail. She was also able to go through the questions list. Rick had a variety of experiences to share. The notes from Ann's conversation with Rick are also in the file.

Group Discussion:

Discussion was held regarding what areas are important to connect as the map of Meredith was looked over by all. Connections between the school, community center and town forest as well as Swazy Park and the Town Beach (Waukewan) were noted as important to consider. The Rails to Trails program was discussed and Ann pointed out the possible overlap between our advisory committee and that program. It was noted that the Rails to Trails effort is currently focused in Laconia. It was suggested that a member of our committee attend one of the Rails to Trails meeting. Members of the committee pointed out familiar paths and recreation areas. Ginny and Ceil shared their experience hiking the Town Forest trails between the community center and Lake Waukewan. They noted the difficulty in finding the point of entrance to the Town Forest. Some additional informal paths were pointed out. The committee discussed how trails would be designated and mapped.

It was decided to follow up on loose ends for next meeting and complete some additional research.

Time Adjourned: 5:15 PM

Minutes prepared by: Angela LaBrecque, 12/26/07