

RR Bed Meeting 12/01/2017

Friday, December 01, 2017

5:53 PM

Attendance:

Gary Lamberton, Brent Smith, Michael Thomas (CVT), Tim Dailey, Sr, Donald Pinette, jodi Fleurie - Wohlleb, Brian Wohlleb, Barbara Johns, David Boyce, Mary Ellen Boyce, Deb Jurist, Greg Western (CVT), Harold Hatch, Bill Patten, Dave Spencer

Warning:

Town of Groton Railroad Bed Committee
Public Meeting Warning

Friday, Dec. 1, 2017, 6pm

Location: Community Bldg.

Agenda

Appointed members of the Railroad Bed Committee are meeting to discuss how to protect the town owned railroad bed by creating a town ordinance that will describe its usage in the future.

Gary Lamberton

Deb Jurist

Brent Smith

Dave Spencer

Kitty Diggins

Jim Cilley

Action Items:

Action	Owner	Due Date	Status
Mary Ellen Boyce thought she was appointed to the RR	Deb	12/15	In progress
Deb asked people to present the uses they have seen	All	12/15	In progress
Letter needs to be sent to abutters about this process	Gary	12/15	In progress
Jodi asked to be added to the committee.	Deb	12/15	In progress
Share Ordinance with Ryegate	Deb	12/15	In progress

Topics/agenda items in BLACK

Action Items **GREEN**

Updates to action items **BLUE**

Notes

Introductions were done

When to meet, Fridays every other week, 1st and 3rd Fridays at 6pm at community bldg

Deb explained our purpose, that Gary and Deb had been to Gavin Reed's office to learn how to proceed. Gary explained the purpose of this group and to work on creating an ordinance.

Mary Ellen Boyce thought she was appointed to the RR Bed committee. **Deb will review minutes and if not will bring it to the selectboard.**

Michael Thomas, CVT. Explained the history of the transfer of the land from the railroad to the state and to the town.

Dave Boyce: lots of questions about future use here and referred to other towns, like Marshfield, Ryegate

Deb Jurist Quote: "The reason we are having this meeting is to create an ordinance"

Don Pinette, asked questions about other uses of the railroad bed, like the blue house near powder spring road. Which Gary explained was a law created by Senator Gerald Morse.

Gary explained that Gary, Deb, Brent, Dave, Kitty and Jim will be working on the ordinance.

Deb asked people to present the uses they have seen. Deb clarified to have it presented to Deb or bring it to the next meetings.

Dave Spencer suggested to be specific like do you cross or do you have to travel down the railroad bed.

Brent: asked is there any other organizations using the railroad bed,

Mike: cross vt use, multi season, multi use pass. Horses, snowmobile clubs, VASA in other towns. Mary Ellen asked Mike why the state used the railroad bed when they removed the bridge to Cloughs farm. Mike didn't know the answer.

Harold: concerned about speed

Deb explained the definitions that Dave spencer had put together (insert file)



Rail Bed
Trail Defin...

Brian: asked about the snowmobile trail Steven Hatch bridge and thru the fields, would this be part of this . Gary: No, this is private land.

Dave explained about future plans to build another bridge near the end of 232.

Letter needs to be sent to abutters about this process. A letter needs to be sent. Deb asked Gary to write the letter.

Mike asked if VLCT has any suggestions were other towns have done this. Letter should ask what there uses are.

Brian asked how wide is the railroad

Barbara. Asked what the purpose of this committee was. Gary explained.

Brian asked about RR bed uses outside of Groton.

Mike suggested to share this information with Ryegate, **Deb agreed to share it with Ryegate.** Also, asked to consider a classification for around mud season use. #7 on definitions

Mary Ellen asked if lawyer recommendations from lawyer be in writing.

Jodi asked to be added to the committee.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05PM

Next Scheduled Meeting: Friday, December 15, 2017 @ 6:00PM

Respectfully Submitted By: Gary Lamberton