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sorry to miss yet another meeting. will be in San Diego until mid Jan.

Rob
Fighting a migraine all day -- not winning, I'm afraid. Won't be at the meeting; I've tried twice, but can't make it out the door. Sorry.

Marcianna

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Sent: Friday, January 3, 2014 9:55:50 AM  
Subject: Greenway Committee meeting reminder - Monday, 1/6, 7pm  

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Mary

----- Forwarded Message ----- 
From: "Ziomek, David" <ziomekd@amherstma.gov>
To: "cmdudek@yahoo.com" <cmdudek@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2013 5:17 PM
Subject: PARC Grant

Dear Mary,

Here is the document we discussed. Our application also included lots of maps and figures but I thought you would be most interested in the narrative. Best of luck with your efforts and let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Dave

David Ziomek  
Assistant Town Manager/Director of Conservation and Development 
Town of Amherst  
4 Boltwood Avenue  
Amherst, MA 01002  
Phone: 413-259-3122  
Fax: 413-259-2410  
Email: ziomekd@amherstma.gov
Hi Gaby,

Too late to cancel at this point, I think.

Take care of yourself. If you decide you're better off staying home, let me know if there's any update etc you'd like me to pass along.

Re the Rec Trails Grant letter of support: Would you be willing to write it if I get the committee to give you the go-ahead?

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Eric

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The grant will be submitted by our Selectboard (Sarah is interfacing with Charlene on this directly) but a support letter from our committee, and perhaps others, will be welcomed. Our committee tonight should determine what other town committees or entities to reach out to, and delegate that outreach. Again I can provide info/language. I will draft a letter from our committee that will be a modified version of the letter we sent to the select board proposing that we apply. The committee could vote tonight to empower me to draft it and I will circulate via email for final approval. I'll also be writing one on behalf of Mill River Greenway Initiative and get one from FNTG.

In particular, I think it would be wise for us to touch base with Wmsbg DPW at this point, especially as relates to our aspirations to include improvements along South Main. If they write letters, that would be great, but at a minimum, they should be aware and involved with planning, as they are directly impacted and may perhaps be able to provide some i-kind support that would count toward a match. We should also be looping in MA DOT as appropriate (maybe not nec, because it's a town road?)

2) Brassworks/Meadow. I am sorry to miss any updates relating to Berezin or Nehring outreach. I think the topic of the 'redevelopment' of that whole area offers an opportunity for a distinct, large-scale visioning process. Imagine a revitalized Brassworks, with bridge to a town park and Greenway running through it! Could the committee discuss whether we might break off a subcommittee (bringing in others incl Sally Loomis) to zoom in more closely on this concept? I know Nick has already been thinking along these lines for years. I think this conversation needs to be launched concurrently with our smaller-scale outreach to the property owners focused on the Greenway. And the loss of the Charter School might provide an opportunity to engage Berezin on the future of the building. I think this is within the scope of our committee to convene a conversation on this subject but not necessarily to carry it forward on our own, at least not without going back to the Select Board to broaden our charter.

I'll look forward to John's minutes. Please make them extra-crunchy if you can, John!

gaby.

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Thanks very much, Gaby.

The grant has to be postmarked by February 1, so we have a few weeks. Any Committees or other groups involved with the trail would be great, as well as any members of the legislative delegation. I will need applications and financial forms signed by the selectboard, I sent these to Charlene last week but haven't heard back from her yet.

-Sarah

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On Mon, Jan 6, 2014 at 9:45 AM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:

Hi Sarah,

I’ll be happy to work with you to gather anything to support this grant. Williamsburg committee meets tonight so timing is good. I’ve put out a request for photos to various folks that might be able to help. I know FNTG has a beautiful pic of the Beaver Brook bridge they used in their fall fundraising appeal.

I assume you don’t need a letter of support from Wmsbg Select Board, since they are the primary applicants? What other committees or entities would be optimal? I will draft one from Mill River Greenway Initiative for sure.

What’s the time frame here?

thanks,
gaby

On Mon, Dec 30, 2013 at 3:43 PM, Sarah LaValley <slavalley@northamptonma.gov> wrote:

Hi Gaby-

I’m working on the RTP grant for the Williamsburg trail, and was hoping I could enlist your help pulling things together. Support letters are encouraged. Could you ask a few supporters if they would be willing to provide these?

They can be addressed to:

Amanda Lewis
Recreational Trails Program Coordinator
136 Damon Road
Northampton, MA 01060

Photographs are also encouraged. I’ll be going out to take some, but some non-wintertime pictures of the area would also be great. If you have any good photos, would you be willing to share them?

Thanks very much, and Happy New Year-

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(City of Northampton E-mail is a public record except when it falls under one of the specific statutory exemptions.)
Hi Gaby,

I was away for the weekend, hence the delayed reply.

The photo of the Beaver Brook Bridge was stolen from the City's Community Preservation Act application titled "Norwottuck/Mass Central Rail Trail Leeds Extension" submitted by the Office Planning and Sustainability to the CPA last September. Thus Sarah has this photo already. Several others contained in this document may also be relevant for your grant application. You probably have this document already, but I'll try to send you a copy in a subsequent email.

I have copies of the photos used on our Valley Gives page http://www.razoo.com/story/Friends-Of-Northampton-Trails-And-Greenways. I'd be happy to provide them, but I'm not sure they are relevant.

I hope others have responded with suggestions from their own collections -- I'm too new to this game to have much myself. Did you contact our Vice-President, Sean Kinlin <seaking@seakingdom.net>, for example?

John G

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Thanks, Nick.

Here's the contact info I have for PVPC:
- PVPC Chief Planner, Chris Curtis - chcurtis@PVPC.ORG
- PVPC Senior Planner, David Elvin - Delvin@PVPC.ORG

Alternately, there's a whole list of staff roles and contact info at:
http://www.pvpc.org/about/pvpcstaff.shtml

Last time I contacted Chris, he was for some reason under the impression that we'd "used up" all of the PVPC help available for this project. Not sure if he confused it with the Village Center Visioning work or what.

Thanks,
Eric

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John

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hi eric,
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Subject: Re: binder?
Date: January 14, 2014 at 8:56 PM
To: Eric Bloomquist eab@me.com

Great. Thanks, Eric.

From: "Eric Bloomquist" <eab@me.com>
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-----Original Message-----
From: Eric Bloomquist [mailto:eab@me.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2014 2:52 PM
To: townadmin@burgy.org; selectmen
Subject: subcommittee for Greenway?

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Paul Jahnige? Maybe if you and John Hoogstraten took turns twisting ...

Eric

On Jan 15, 2014, at 6:19 PM, Sally Loomis <loomissally@gmail.com> wrote:

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I’veCc'ed Gaby on this because she’s our point person working with Friends of Northampton Trails and Greenways on this grant, and can get you that info faster and better than I can.

Gaby (and/or Marci), could you fill Paul in on some specifics for the letter, and where it should be sent?

Thanks,
Eric

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On Jan 17, 2014, at 11:44 AM, Paul Dunphy <paul@stevekulik.org> wrote:

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This should be considered DRAFT ONLY pending final comments from you all, if any, as well as from the Noho Planning Dept folks.

Please get back to me THIS WEEKEND if you have any suggestions, so that Marci can share this with our legislative delegation at the beginning of next week. Time is fleeting before the Feb 1 deadline.

thanks!

abby

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Hey Folks,

Attached is a draft of our letter of support for the Rec Trails Program grant.

As a reminder, we were advised to make reference to past efforts, as the grant committee will be aware of and appreciate that Williamsburg is now making progress on bringing a trail to our town. I've tried to do that in a non-inflammatory way (thanks for advice, Eric!).

This should be considered DRAFT ONLY pending final comments from you all, if any, as well as from the Noho Planning Dept folks.

Please get back to me THIS WEEKEND if you have any suggestions, so that Marci can share this with our legislative delegation at the beginning of next week. Time is fleeting before the Feb 1 deadline.

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gaby

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Thanks for your blessing and thoughtful comments. I have made a few very minor tweaks and attach the latest draft here FYI.

Marci, this draft is sufficiently reviewed by our committee that it is cleared for sharing with the legislative delegation.

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thanks folks!
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Thanks to both of you for your guidance on this!

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Thanks, Gaby. I have nothing to add to the other comments about the map.

Eric, another person that we might want to reach out to for the subcommittee (or as an advisor) is Lincoln Fish, both for his expertise in invasive plant control and for his long land-preservation experience with the Hilltown Land Trust.

Also, we tentatively set our next meeting for Thursday, Feb. 6th, with regular meetings on the first Thursday of each month, pending approval of the members that were missing from the last meeting. Any word on that subject?

Thanks all,
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Rep. Stephen Kulik
First Franklin District
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413.665.7200
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Eric

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FYI

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Date: January 23, 2014 at 4:11:51 PM EST
To: "m3caplis@gmail.com" <m3caplis@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Support letter for Williamsburg trails grant

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SenatorDowning.com

From: Downing, Benjamin (SEN)
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2014 10:25 AM
To: Steiner, Bethann (SEN)
Subject: FW: Support letter for Williamsburg trails grant

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Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 11:21 AM
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gaby

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Eric
Hi Eric

Would you forward this on to the members of the MRGC? I think it would be of interest. Here's the same link as below:

http://www.ecotropy.net/php/2014/01/23/flotsam-weirs/

Mary

----- Forwarded Message -----
From: Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>
To: 'Charles / Mary Dudek' <cmdudek@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2014 8:53 AM
Subject: RE: Thank you!

Thank you Mary for the logo link –

I will certainly include the Williamsburg CC in anything I put out...Here's a link to a blog post I did regarding the grant….http://www.ecotropy.net/php/2014/01/23/flotsam-weirs/

Stay warm,

Best,

Todd

From: Charles / Mary Dudek [mailto:cmdudek@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 26, 2014 4:18 PM
To: Todd Lynch
Subject: Re: Thank you!

Hi Todd

This is what I found on the Mass Cultural Council site:

http://www.massculturalcouncil.org/contracts/logos_step1.asp

It would be great if you can put "Williamsburg Cultural Council" somewhere...maybe right above the MCC logo? But it’s not required nor is the town logo.

Mary

From: Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>
To: 'Charles / Mary Dudek' <cmdudek@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2014 1:59 PM
Subject: RE: Thank you!

Hi Mary –
Who do I contact to obtain a high resolution image of the Mass Cultural Council's logo? Is there a town logo I should use as well?

Thanks!

Todd

From: Charles / Mary Dudek [mailto:cmdudek@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2014 3:10 PM
To: Todd Lynch
Subject: Re: Thank you!

You're welcome.

The Cultural Council does not have to review any promotional materials...but note that it must have the Mass. Council's logo and/or acknowledgement that your event was funded by the Mass Council or the Williamsburg Council.

And yes, notify me when you plan to do the install and the talk at the library so that our members can attend.

Mary

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To: 'Charles / Mary Dudek' <cmdudek@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2014 9:29 AM
Subject: Thank you!

Hi Mary –

I am thrilled that your committee has awarded me the grant! Thank you!

Should I contact you to review any of the promotional materials and when I plan to do the installation and have the talk at the library?

I am very grateful. Please relay my thanks to the rest of your committee.

Best,

Todd

From: Charles / Mary Dudek [mailto:cmdudek@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 1:37 PM
To: todd_lynch@comcast.net
Subject: your Cultural Council application—reply today 10/28

Todd
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Mary
Hey Folks, nice news from Wayne, see below!

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: Wayne Feiden <wfeiden@northamptonma.gov>
Date: Mon, Jan 27, 2014 at 2:26 PM
Subject: Fwd: Rail Trail right-of-way extended to S. Main Street. Haydenville
To: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>

You may have already seen this (the posting on our listserv) but I wanted to add my personal thanks to the Greenway Committee for their support for this project.

Wayne

I am very pleased to announce that this afternoon we closed on the final easement to allow us to eventually extend the MassCentral Rail Trail (Norwottuck section) so South Main Street in Haydenville.

This is a unique collaborative project of Northampton and Williamsburg, with assistance from the Friends of Northampton Trails and Greenways and support from the Williamsburg Greenway Committee.

With today's closing, the final missing leg in the public right-of-way from the current end of the rail trail to South Main Street in Haydenville will be complete. This means that instead of a dead-end rail trail, we have a trail that can actually be used as a transportation network.

For a tiny trail extension, this was a surprisingly complex project, requiring the approval of the state legislature and many others.

The list of people who need to be thanked is long, but all so deserving:

- Williamsburg Town Meeting
- Williamsburg Select Board
- Williamsburg Town Administrator Charlene Nardi
- Northhampton City Council
- Northampton Mayor Narkewicz
- Representative Koot (representing Northampton)
- Representative Kulk (representing Williamsburg)
- Friends of Northampton Trails and Greenways
- Williamsburg Greenway Committee
- Various donors who contributed to make this happen.

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(City of Northampton E-mail is a public record except when it falls under one of the specific statutory exemptions.)
Hi,

Most of you have probably seen this by now, but for those of you who haven't, check out the front page of today's Gazette.

http://www.gazettenet.com/home/10411970-95/northampton-clears-key-hurdle-for-rail-trail-expansion-into-williamsburg

Eric
Hi Eric,

Just to let you know, I will not be able to attend next Thursdays meeting. It turns out that Thursday night may not be the best time for me. I’ll let you know.

Best,

Karin
I am not sure that is required to just have discussions, but if you feel it would be more appropriate
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that the new individuals be appointed to the Mill River Greenway committee (appointments to the
main Committee) or that the Board of Selectmen establish another committee for the task and
appoint all chosen members (existing MRGC members and new people) to that new Committee –
it wouldn’t be a sub-committee.

Let me know.

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Just a reminder that the Town will host the Green Communities event on Monday, March 10th at 10:00 a.m. in the Williamsburg Town Offices Auditorium. The secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Rick Sullivan Jr. and DOER Commissioner Mark Sylvia will be in attendance. Please come celebrate with the town. Please forward to your board and committee members.

Thank you,
Charlene

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Dear Department Head and Board and Committee Chairpersons,

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Charlene
Williamsburg’s designation as a Green Community

Where: Williamsburg Town Office Auditorium
141 Main Street
Haydenville, MA 01039
When: 10:00 AM, Monday March 10, 2014

RSVP to: Jim Barry, Western Mass Regional Coordinator
Tel: (413) 755 - 2232
E-mail: jim.barry@state.ma.us
Dear Department Head and Board and Committee Chairpersons,

The DOER invites you to join Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Rick Sullivan Jr. and Department of Energy Resources Commissioner Mark Sylvia on **Monday, March 10th at 10am in Williamsburg** to recognize Williamsburg’s achievement in becoming a Green Community. This celebratory event will be held in the Williamsburg Town Office Auditorium. Attached is the official invitation, which includes RSVP and event information.

Charlene
Where: Williamsburg Town Office Auditorium
141 Main Street
Haydenville, MA 01039
When: 10:00 AM, Monday March 10, 2014

RSVP to: Jim Barry, Western Mass Regional Coordinator
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MRGC 2-6-14 meeting minutes.docx
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---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: Reid Bertone-Johnson <rbertone@smith.edu>
Date: Fri, Feb 21, 2014 at 11:06 AM
Subject: Re: two map q's
To: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>

Hi, Gaby,
The fairly large digital map is attached. I could certainly work up a general base aerial for Bay State. Monday or Wednesday morning at a bit after 9AM would be fine.

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On Fri, Feb 21, 2014 at 7:11 AM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:

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A very interesting email from Lincoln Fish. Sadly, it reinforces my previous feelings about David Nehring; which is that he is a rogue operator and poor communicator. Approaching him with any greenway related proposal will need to be done very, very carefully.

John

From: elfisho@comcast.net
To: jhoog@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2014 4:20:56 PM
Subject: Re: Mill River Greenway Committee

Hi John,

I would be happy to dole out advice about invasives control.

However, I have some history with Fortgang/Nehring. I did a stewardship plan for them and then talked them through a NRCS application for invasives control. It is a big project and it got approved. Without my help I doubt they ever would have gotten the grant. But instead of having me do the work, David Nehring thinks he can do it himself. I note that nothing has been done in the past two years since approval. Nothing that can be seen from Rt 9 at least. So I'm pretty miffed at them for wasting a hefty grant that could have done some highly visible good re invasives control along the river and Rt 9.

Well, maybe if he got some volunteers to do the work and he got paid for their work . . .

Anyway, I would be happy to help, but I really don't want to go to meetings and its doubtful I would be helpful dealing with Nehring.

Cheers,

Lincoln

----- Original Message ----- 
From: jhoog@comcast.net
To: "Lincoln Fish" <elfisho@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2014 8:42:48 AM
Subject: Fwd: Mill River Greenway Committee
Hi Lincoln,

I realize that I have not heard back from you about this. The Greenway Committee meets on March 6th, and I would like to be able to inform them of any interest/willingness you have in helping with this portion of our work. Your thoughts? Thanks.

Hope you are well,
John

----- Original Message ----- 
From: jhoog@comcast.net 
To: "Lincoln Fish" <elfisho@comcast.net> 
Sent: Sunday, February 9, 2014 8:48:34 PM 
Subject: Mill River Greenway Committee

Lincoln,

Separate from the ConsCom and Trails Committee....

I am on the Greenway Committee. Don't know how familiar you are with what we're doing, but in general trying to create an off-road pedestrian/bicycle route between Williamsburg and Haydenville centers, roughly following the Mill River. The proposed route is taking form, but one particularly difficult stretch is that between the Riverview Cafe (formerly McFaddens, also humorously known as the "Guardrail View Cafe) and the Brassworks. There simply isn't enough room up on the Rt. 9 right-of-way to do anything (affordably, at least), so we are looking at trying to cross the river at the old bridge abutments across from the cafe, and travel through the old pasture behind the river, crossing some Northeast Utilities land, the old Cranston property, and some Brassworks property. The largest parcel by far is the old Cranston piece, now owned by David Nehring and Susan Fortgang. We are exploring all angles of potential negotiation with the landowners, including offering to assist in some fashion (grant applications?...) with invasives control. Sally Loomis will be joining us to lead the discussion of land acquisition, either through purchase, gift, or right-of-way.

Would you be interested and willing to advise or consult with us from time to time as we proceed with these discussions? In particular, we would like to get your advice on the invasives angle, i.e. what approaches might be able to be put on the table in the negotiations. If you are willing, you could be involved as much, or as little, as you would prefer. Thanks.
Hope all is well with you. I look forward to hearing from you.

John
From: jhoog@comcast.net
Subject: Re: Trail Work - Wetlands permit
Date: February 25, 2014 at 1:08 PM
To: Gaby Immerman gimmerna@smith.edu
Cc: Eric Bloomquist bearpaw01@earthlink.net

I have printed a copy to place in the binder, and will take care of that.
John

From: "Gaby Immerman" <gimmerma@smith.edu>
To: "John Hoogstraten" <Jhoog@comcast.net>, "Eric Bloomquist" <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 11:59:50 AM
Subject: Fwd: Trail Work - Wetlands permit

Hi Eric,
This grant application should be on file with the MRGC documents.
thanks,
gaby

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: Sarah LaValley <slavalley@northamptonma.gov>
Date: Tue, Feb 18, 2014 at 12:42 PM
Subject: Re: Trail Work - Wetlands permit
To: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Cc: "Charlene L. Nardi" <townadmin@burgy.org>

Hi Sarah-
The application (without all the scanned attachments) is attached.
We won't hear back for a long time, but hopefully we'll get to work together then!

Sarah I. LaValley
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On Wed, Feb 12, 2014 at 3:17 PM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:
Hi Sarah,
Could you send us an electronic copy of the grant for town files?
thanks!
gaby

On Wed, Feb 12, 2014 at 2:25 PM, Sarah LaValley <slavalley@northamptonma.gov> wrote:
Hi Sarah,
That's what we indicated in the grant application - it's a long way off if (when!) the funding is received, so we have a while to work on the details.
The application went in without a hitch, thanks so much for all your help.

-Sarah

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On Wed, Feb 12, 2014 at 2:19 PM, Charlene Nardi <townadmin@burgy.org> wrote:
Hi Sarah,
I didn't hear back from you regarding further clarification on your question; however, I did bring the question to the Board of Selectmen. The members suggest that the City of Northampton and the Town of Williamsburg be joint applicants on any NOI or RDA application to the Conservation Commission.

Hope this helps.

Charlene L. Nardi
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From: Charlene Nardi [mailto:townadmin@burgy.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2014 8:51 AM
To: 'Sarah LaValley'
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Good Morning Sarah,
Rob Stinson, Chair of the Conservation Commission, forwarded your email regarding the Wetlands permit. We are trying to clarify your question. Are you asking who should be the applicant on the Wetlands permit application for the work completing the rail trail? My initial thought is that the City of Northampton is the applicant since you are procuring the work and will be completing the paperwork. I realize the land is owned by Williamsburg and that the Mill River Committee is supporting the initiative to finish the trail through the procurement of grants ~ based on that, is it thought that therefore Williamsburg should be the applicant?

Look forward to hearing from you.
Charlene

Charlene Nardi
From: Sarah LaValley [mailto:slavalley@northamptonma.gov]

Hi Gaby-

I'll likely have a few odd questions over the next few days. Here is the first:

Who is the most appropriate entity to secure the wetlands permit for the trail work?

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Hi Eric,

This grant application should be on file with the MRGC documents.

thanks,
gaby

---------- Forwarded message ----------

From: Sarah LaValley <slavalley@northamptonma.gov>
Date: Tue, Feb 18, 2014 at 12:42 PM
Subject: Re: Trail Work - Wetlands permit
To: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Cc: "Charlene L. Nardi" <townadmin@burgy.org>

Hi Gaby-

The application (without all the scanned attachments) is attached. We won't hear back for a long time, but hopefully we'll get to work together then!

-Sarah
Sarah I. LaValley
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On Wed, Feb 12, 2014 at 3:17 PM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:
Hi Sarah,
Could you send us an electronic copy of the grant for town files? thanks!
gaby

On Wed, Feb 12, 2014 at 2:25 PM, Sarah LaValley <slavalley@northamptonma.gov> wrote:
Hi Charlene-

That's what we indicated in the grant application - it's a long way off if (when!) the funding is received, so we have a while to work on the details. The application went in without a hitch, thanks so much for all your help.

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On Wed, Feb 12, 2014 at 2:19 PM, Charlene Nardi <townadmin@burgy.org> wrote:
Hi Sarah,
I didn't hear back from you regarding further clarification on your question; however, I did bring the question to the Board of Selectmen. The members suggest that the City of Northampton and the Town of Williamsburg be joint applicants on any NOI or RDA application to the Conservation Commission. Hope this helps.

Charlene L. Nardi
Williamsburg Town Administrator
(413) 268-8418
townadmin@burgy.org

From: Charlene Nardi [mailto:townadmin@burgy.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2014 8:51 AM
To: 'Sarah LaValley'
Cc: 'Gaby Immerman'
Subject: Trail Work - Wetlands permit

Good Morning Sarah,

Rob Stinson, Chair of the Conservation Commission, forwarded your email regarding the Wetlands permit. We are trying to clarify your question. Are you asking who should be the applicant on the Wetlands permit application for the work completing the rail trail? My initial thought is that the City of Northampton is the applicant since you are procuring the work and will be completing the paperwork. I realize the land is owned by Williamsburg and that the Mill River Committee is supporting the initiative to finish the trail through the procurement of grants – based on that, is it thought that therefore Williamsburg should be the applicant?

Look forward to hearing from you.

Charlene

Charlene L. Nardi
Hi Gaby-

I'll likely have a few odd questions over the next few days. Here is the first:

Who is the most appropriate entity to secure the wetlands permit for the trail work?

Thanks very much-

Sarah
Hi,

There will be at least one person there from the Greenway Committee. (Not me, unfortunately.)

Thanks!

Eric

On Feb 24, 2014, at 3:21 PM, Sarah Bankert <sbankert@collaborative.org> wrote:

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John

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From: "Gaby Immerman" <gimmerma@smith.edu>
To: "Eric Bloomquist" <eab@me.com>, "John Hoogstraten" <Jhoog@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2014 10:59:11 PM
Subject: Re: meeting this morning

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John

MRGC 2-6-14 meeting minutes.docx
From: Marcianna Caplis m3caplis@gmail.com  
Subject: Re: Mill River Greenway Committee & Brassworks Area Subcommittee - March 6th, 7pm  
Date: March 6, 2014 at 11:22 AM  
To: Eric Bloomquist eab@me.com  
Cc: Nick Dines ndines@larp.umass.edu, Mary & Charles Dudek CMDudek@yahoo.com, John Hoogstraten jhoog@comcast.net, Gaby Immerman gimmerma@smith.edu, Rob & Judy Stinson rjstinson@comcast.net, Larry West landlwest3315@yahoo.com, Joe Rogers geojoerogers@yahoo.com, Town Clerk townclerk@burgy.org

Hello -
I won't be at tonight's meeting. As I said when I joined the committee, when Solarize Williamsburg starts up, my time will become limited. I'll be happy to remain a member of the committee (unless you'd prefer otherwise), and will take on short-term tasks such as the endangered species information and the legislator contacts work I've already done. Don't hesitate to ask me to help, but please don't expect my regular attendance at meetings.
Thanks -
Marci

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Larry

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-----Original Message-----
From: Eric Bloomquist [mailto:eab@me.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 02, 2014 8:03 PM
To: selectmen
Subject: Re: annual report

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Eric

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From: selectmen selectmen@burgy.org
Subject: RE: annual report
Date: February 24, 2014 at 9:38 AM
To: Eric Bloomquist eab@me.com

Eric -
There is some flexibility. Today or the next few days is fine. Thanks.

Eleanor Warnock
Administrative Assistant
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From: Eric Bloomquist [mailto:eab@me.com]
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2014 12:16 PM
To: selectmen
Subject: Re: annual report

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FYI... (your name not on distribution)...

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To: Eric Weber <ewweber@comcast.net>; Richard Kisloski <Bumpslk435@comcast.net>; 'Collin Black' <collinear123@gmail.com>; 'Charles / Mary Dudek' <cmdudek@yahoo.com>; 'Rob & Judy Stinson' <rjstinson@comcast.net>; 'Gerald Mann' <gm11@crocker.com>; Charlie Heath <chaseath@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 4, 2014 11:21 AM
Subject: Meal site and COA unavailability

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Brenda

Brenda Lessard
Williamsburg Town Clerk
Justice of the Peace/Notary Public
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Hours:  Monday:  8:30a-3:30p & 5:30p-7:00p; Tuesday:  8:30a-3:30p; Thursday: 9:00a-2:00p & 6:00p-8:00p

When responding, please be advised that the Town of Williamsburg and the Office of the Secretary of State have determined that E-mail could be considered a public record.
Hi John,

Great to hear that Jeff is on board with this.

Sure, let's divvy it up into two separate meetings.

One of you call for volunteers from the Greenway Committee for a third member, and if nobody else takes it, I will.

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Date: Wed, Mar 5, 2014 at 10:43 AM
Subject: Re: from Williamsburg Mill River Greenway committee
To: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Cc: Sarah Bankert <sbankert@collaborative.org>, Dorothea Hass <dhass@walkboston.org>

Thanks for your thoughts Gaby.

We'll put together a scope over the next week or so and send it along to you.

There's a lot of energy around ped/bike issues in Williamsburg. Great to see.

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On Mon, Mar 3, 2014 at 8:04 PM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:
Hi Stacey,

Gaby here, following up after our meeting at the Williamsburg town hall last week. Thanks for shlepping all the way out to Western MA and your offer to assist us with our project. There's plenty to be done and we would be grateful for any support and tech assistance you can provide. Can you please forward this email to Sarah Bankert as well? Didn't get her contact info.

To summarize, I think there are two areas where WalkBoston and Healthy Hampshire could be most directly helpful to us at this juncture. They are:

1) Planning for pedestrian and bike lane improvements for the length of South Main Street in Haydenville, beginning at the point where the bike trail extension will be depositing significant new non-motorized traffic within the next several years.

2) Support of our ongoing planning with MA DOT to incorporate a greenway separated by barrier or landscaped curb along approximately 1.5 miles of Route 9 from the River View Grille up to the Helen James School at South Street.

If you and Sarah can bullet out some of the services your organizations might be able to contribute, I'd be glad to circulate to the key players in town government and on various committees to move each of these projects forward.

thanks again, i look forward to working with you!

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Hi MRGC folks,
Thanks for your contributions to a great meeting last night!

For those of you who don’t get the Mill River Greenway Initiative newsletter, thought I’d send along the original text, and then the correction we sent out today.

If you’d like to be added to the MRGI email list, let me know. Also, I had previewed the Mill River walk series for you all a few meetings back… we’re advertising them now, and space is filling fast, so please let me know which ones you’d like to attend (details below).

gaby

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: Mill River Greenway <info@millrivergreenway.org>
Date: Wed, Mar 5, 2014 at 2:59 PM
Subject: March 2014 MRGI Newsletter
To: Gaby <gimmerma@smith.edu>

GET READY FOR SOME RIVERWALKS!
March 2014 Newsletter

Dear Friends of the Mill River,
Yes, trust but verify that spring will arrive this year, and prepare yourselves for a great 2014 with the Mill River Greenway Initiative.

* We have a fantastic series of 9 riverwalks and 1 paddle this year from April to December. Check it out at the end of this newsletter.

* We are currently working on 2 new neighborhood Mill River
We are currently working on 2 new neighborhood Mill River working groups to follow the lead of the Williamsburg Mill River Greenway Committee, one in Bay State and one in Leeds. If you’re interested in becoming part of one of these groups, please let us know at info@millrivergreenway.org

* …speaking of which, please let us know the village you live in. We’d like to include that in our membership data so that we can better target our messages to particular localities.

* Williamsburg and Northampton collaborated this winter on a grant proposal to the Recreational Trails Program of the MA DCR. The grant would cover preliminary drainage and grading work on the existing unimproved rail trail along the Mill River from the Williamsburg-Northampton town line out to the foot of South Main Street, Haydenville, and pedestrian/bicycle improvements along the length of South Main.

* Williamsburg is launching a Brassworks Area subcommittee to consider the unique opportunities and challenges posed by the historic Brassworks mill site and its role in the larger Greenway project.

* We are working on a long-term plan to link Haydenville and Williamsburg Center with a dedicated Greenway lane along the river side of Route 9. The Mass. Dept. of Transportation will be re-building Route 9 sometime in the next decade, and we are already partners in helping design that roadway.

* Simultaneously, the Williamsburg Mill River Committee is pursuing a walking trail that will follow the Mill River itself behind the commercial properties along Route 9 from Williamsburg Pharmacy to Florence Savings Bank.

2014 Riverwalks
We’re excited about taking folks out to explore the Mill River from River’s End at Arcadia Refuge to the site of the dam that gave way, causing the disastrous 1874 flood. We’re limiting these walks to 20 participants, so reserve your space ASAP at info@millrivergreenway.org. At least one of our co-moderators (Gaby, John, or Neal) will accompany the walks, along with local experts in the history and ecology of the river.

Mill Riverwalk Schedule 2014
Sponsored by the Mill River Greenway Initiative,
Friends of Northampton Trails and Greenways and
Smith College CEEDS (Center for the Environment, Ecological Design &
April 5    Downtown Northampton I: Paradise Pond to Old South Street

April 26   River’s End: Spring Paddle in the Floodplain Forest, Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary

May 10     Downtown Northampton II: Old South Street to Hockanum Road

June 14    Bay State Village: Paradise Pond to the Cutlery Building

July 12    Florence I: Nonotuck Dam to Meadow Street

Aug. 9     Florence II: Crimson & Clover/Northampton Community Farm

Sept. 6    Leeds: Cook’s Dam to River Road

Oct. 4     Leeds to Haydenville: River Road to South Main Street

Nov. 1     Williamsburg, East Branch: Meekins Library to Old Dam Site

Dec. 6     Haydenville to Williamsburg: Brassworks to Skinnerville
A Correction and an Urgent Suggestion

A Correction

The Williamsburg Mill River Greenway Committee would like to clarify their goal concerning the connections along the river between Haydenville and Williamsburg Center: "In addition to the main Greenway corridor on the Route 9 road bed, the Williamsburg MRGC is considering the possibility of developing small-scale walking trails along the river where conditions permit."

An Urgent Suggestion

Since there has been such a great response to the River Walk series, we encourage folks to email us at info@millrivergreenway.org as soon as feasible to make their reservations. Thanks so much for your support.
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Our mailing address is:
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Williamsburg, MA 01096

Add us to your address book
Here are the images/commentary from Eric Weber that were circulated at the meeting last night.

My sincere thanks to all of you for attending and contributing to our fruitful discussion. Much potential.

gaby

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: Eric Weber <ewweber@comcast.net>
Date: Tue, Mar 4, 2014 at 12:45 PM
Subject: Re: Williamsburg -- Brassworks Area Subcommittee meeting this Thursday
To: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>

According to the assessors’ maps, WMECO owns roughly the upstream half of the floodplain and adjacent hillside, and David Nehring/Susan Fortgang own the downstream half. If the maps are correct, we’ll have to deal with both owners. The last of the Walpole family who had owned the old Miller farm since 1892 sold it, including both of those parcels, to Josef Filipowicz in 1972. In 1976 he sold the upper parcel to WMECO and the lower one (along with the rest of the farm on high ground) to Phil Cranston. I suspect it wasn’t until near the end of the Walpoles’ tenure that the floodplain was allowed to go to brush, because one could still see a considerable way into it from various places along Route 9 when I came to town in 1978. Cranston and WMECO completely neglected it, creating the mess it is today.
From the 1946 town 175th-anniversary celebration, looking ENE toward the Riverview site (with white lollipop sign in upper right-center distance). The town evidently rebuilt the bridge for one or more of the 1915, 1921 or 1946 celebrations. But no motor vehicles appear on the southwest side of the river in any photo we have of those celebrations, so it was probably just a foot bridge and may only have been temporary.

Unknown date. Looking W from Rte. 9 toward the bridge abutment opposite the Riverview. Hillside from which the first photo was taken is in distance. Photo courtesy of Susan Fortgang.
From the town’s 1921 150th-anniversary celebration. Stagecoach in background; single shoe (huh??) in foreground. Orientation uncertain. Part of a pageant that included a colonial-wedding reenactment; these are the wedding guests. Unbelievable costumes!
Also from the 1946 celebration. The building fronts used in the pageant are lined up with their backs to the river. Photo looks north to spectators’ and participants’ cars parked along Rte. 9 across the river.

Date unknown. Bridge abutment opposite the Riverview, and largely open hillside beyond. Water level was several feet higher because Brassworks dam coping and perhaps even flashboards were still largely intact. The Wialpoles were still running an active dairy farm at this time. Courtesy of Susan Fortgang.
Date unknown, looking west (upriver). Hillside in distance faced the building fronts lined up along the river in 1946. Bridge abutment is not far outside photo at left. Courtesy of Susan Fortgang.

Date unknown, possibly 1920s-30s. Spectators on the hillside E of the Nehring-Fortgang house watching a baseball game on the flat below. Courtesy of Susan Fortgang. If this photo hadn't come from Susan, who presumably got it and the others with the farm, I'd be tempted to think the hillside was too high and the flat too wide, and I'd suspect this photo was taken someplace else. I don't know whether there's any inscription on the back of the photo positively identifying its location.

Eric

On Mar 3, 2014, at 10:03 PM, Gaby Immerman <jimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:

No worries, Eric, we will happily rope you in at some future point not too far down the road. I plan to share some of the history you provided in an email to John a few months ago, so you will be represented in a fashion.

Meanwhile, I remember at some point seeing a particular photograph in your arsenal, depicting a town event (centennial celebration maybe?) that took place on the meadow across from the Brassworks. Women in long dresses, horses and wagons, that sort of thing. Do you know the image? If it's not too much trouble, I would love to be able to show it at Thursday's meeting to provide some context for the thinking of it as a de facto 'town green.'
thanks,
gaby

On Mon, Mar 3, 2014 at 9:57 PM, Eric Weber <ewweber@comcast.net> wrote:

Gaby: As I told John Hoogstraten the other day, unfortunately I've had to change plans and book another meeting for Thursday evening. I hope to be able to catch up on what happens at your meeting and contribute usefully at the next one. If someone takes minutes, please be sure I get them, and I'll also make a point of talking to John soon after the meeting. Sorry I can't be there.

Eric

On Mar 3, 2014, at 9:28 PM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:

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Yes please, Mary, that would be great! John was just saying the other night that three would be better than two "official" members. We'll have lots of support from all the cool folks you met Thursday.

We'll loop you in as things move forward from here!

gaby

On Sat, Mar 8, 2014 at 11:59 AM, cmdudek@yahoo.com <cmdudek@yahoo.com> wrote:

Gaby

If you need more volunteers for the Brassworks subcommittee, I'd like to be on it.

Mary

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android
Gaby

Is it necessary for one of us to attend the Brassworks Reuse Committee meeting tomorrow to find out what they're working on or have worked on related to the Brassworks? Can't remember if Jeff's on that?

Mary

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android
Hello FNTG, MRGI, and WMRGC colleagues --

I just learned of this meeting yesterday from Heidi Stevens of the Leeds Civic Association. Passing it along for word-spreading in case you were not already aware.

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Hi Gaby,

I wish you had brought this up at the meeting! Let's keep Thursday 4/3 for the next one, but I'll send out a survey to see if there's a 1st/2nd/3rd/4th Monday or Tuesday of the month that works for everyone starting in May.

(Wow, it's nice to be talking about April and May as being in the near future.)

Thanks,
Eric

On Mar 8, 2014, at 2:47 PM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:

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Hi,

Re: me being on the subcommittee: I'm tempted, but leaning toward no. Three seems like a good number for a subcommittee. If you all decide you want a fourth ("official") member, do keep me in mind. And please keep CC'ing me on emails.

The working groups sound like a good idea.

Thanks,

Eric

On Mar 9, 2014, at 9:12 PM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:

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OK, then I think your idea on the 3 subgroups is good. And convening the Brassworks one and the Flats one separately. But before that I think our group should meet to discuss next steps.

Mary

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Gaby
When you say "convene the subgroups separately" do you mean without our subcommittee?
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Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>; John Hoogstraten <jhoog@comcast.net>; Mary & Charles Dudek <CMDudek@yahoo.com>; Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 10:12:27 AM

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No role more than anyone else, he's interested, has vast expertise in real estate and trail planning, and offers to help in any way he can. I'm having lunch with him on Friday so I will have more to add after that.

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On Sun, Mar 9, 2014 at 10:03 PM, <jhoog@comcast.net> wrote:

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FWIW, I ditto what John said about Craig.

On Mar 10, 2014, at 9:54 PM, jhooq@comcast.net wrote:

Hi all,

Long day at work, and I see I've got some catching up to do.

1. Mary, for a long time now, the Reuse committee has had no connection to the Brassworks except in name. They simply administer the fund that was created when the Brassworks was purchased and redeveloped by Herb Berezin. As far as I know, they would play no role in any changes to the building or property. Jeff has stated that even the fund is basically dormant, which I'm guessing is why they want to disband. I was initially puzzled by Jeff's response to Gaby about the cancelled meeting, and offer to meet privately, though upon re-reading he may be thinking about discussing the potential use of the funds. Though Jeff has extensive experience in town government, his even longer experience working in the business world makes him quite comfortable with private meetings, schmoozing, and deal-making. I have seen him take some heat as selectman for engaging in "backroom" deal-making. We need to be careful of that. We don't want any negative perceptions to undo all that he has to offer as we move forward.

2. Having said that, I do think we are going to need to let Jeff carry the ball quite a lot in the discussions and negotiations with Herb Berezin. As Jeff noted, Herb is a very private individual, and I'm sure he is accustomed to dealing privately with persons that he trusts. In our case that person is Jeff, as evidenced by Jeff's report that Herb has already reached out to him to talk about the future of the building. I suspect Herb could be uncomfortable and anxious if asked to negotiate with a large group. We clearly need to follow Jeff's lead in this area.

3. I agree that the working groups would best work independently, as long as there is constant communication between everyone and regular involvement from the subcommittee and, as needed, the full committee. Hopefully this won't get to be too cumbersome a process. What we discuss with Berezin will clearly be affected by what is being discussed with Nehring/Fortgang, and vice versa.

4. Craig Della Penna. Hmmm. I've known Craig for a long time, and he has a wealth of knowledge and experience with creating railtrails and greenways (mostly railtrails). He was the longtime chair of the New England chapter of the Rails-To-Trails Conservancy, before becoming a realtor. He was very involved in Burgy's past efforts to bring a bikepath to town (on the old rail bed). He clearly has a lot to offer us. However, he also has an out-sized personality, and can be quite full of himself at times. A lot of people don't like him and/or don't trust him. I think we would do well to find a way to let him help us, but in a way that keeps him behind the scenes, and let Burgy folks be the
I think the Reuse Comm. should stay in existence (since the Select Board appointed it) now that a lot of the space will be vacated. A good idea might be to have one of us on the "official" committee...or at least one of us attend their meetings...then no need for us to have a Brassworks subgroup??

Mary

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No apology necessary, Jeff! We just want to be sure the right hand and left hand are communicating with each other.

I don’t know enough to say whether the existing Brassworks funds might be directed toward revitalizing the Brassworks in the context of the Greenway coming through; an interesting possibility, though. I think as long as you are involved with both conversations, as you are, we can feel confident that the synergies will be noted if and when there are any.

thanks for the update on the status of the Brassworks Reuse Committee. Please know that tour new working group would be happy to meet with or report to the Reuse Committee in whatever way makes sense going forward.

gaby

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On Mon, Mar 10, 2014 at 1:17 PM, Jeffrey Ciuffreda <ciuffreda@myonlinechamber.com> wrote:

| Gaby |
We actually just cancelled that meeting as our chairman, Peter Mahieu, had back surgery and we really didn’t have any issues pending. That said, I would be glad to meet any time for a discussion. I am always available for coffee, beer, or any other possible meeting venue!

The Brassworks committee has submitted something to the select board to consider ending the committee and its intended purposes and that would result in some funds becoming “free cash”. Therefore, I think the selectboard would look favorably upon ideas that do keep to the original intention of the loan, but it also opens those funds up for other uses as well.

Sorry about tomorrow nights meeting. There are only three of us on the committee and as I said,. We cancelled that meeting. Let me now if you and/or others would like to informally discuss things.

Jeff

From: Gaby Immerman [mailto:gimmerma@smith.edu]
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 12:46 PM
To: Jeffrey Ciuffreda
Cc: Eric Bloomquist; John Hoogstraten; Mary & Charles Dudek
Subject: Brassworks Reuse Committee meeting

Hi Jeff,

We noticed on the town website that the Brassworks Reuse Committee will be meeting tomorrow at 5pm.

Would it be a good idea for one of us from the new committee to attend and bring your members up to speed on what we’re discussing for the Greenway/Brassworks Flats area?

We do understand that the Reuse Committee doesn't have any direct involvement with the building, but nonetheless there’s some basic overlap in scope so we thought it was worth inquiring.

thanks,
gaby

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Hi all,

Long day at work, and I see I've got some catching up to do.

1. Mary, for a long time now, the Reuse committee has had no connection to the Brassworks except in name. They simply administer the fund that was created when the Brassworks was purchased and redeveloped by Herb Berezin. As far as I know, they would play no role in any changes to the building or property. Jeff has stated that even the fund is basically dormant, which I'm guessing is why they want to disband. I was initially puzzled by Jeff's response to Gaby about the cancelled meeting, and offer to meet privately, though upon re-reading he may be thinking about discussing the potential use of the funds. Though Jeff has extensive experience in town government, his even longer experience working in the business world makes him quite comfortable with private meetings, schmoozing, and deal-making. I have seen him take some heat as selectman for engaging in "backroom" deal-making. We need to be careful of that. We don't want any negative perceptions to undo all that he has to offer as we move forward.

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4. Craig Della Penna. Hmmm. I've known Craig for a long time, and he has a wealth of knowledge and experience with creating railtrails and greenways (mostly railtrails). He was the longtime chair of the New England chapter of the Rails-To-Trails Conservancy, before becoming a realtor. He was very involved in Burgy's past efforts to bring a bikepath to town (on the old rail bed). He clearly has a lot to offer us. However, he also has an out-sized personality, and can be quite full of himself at times. A lot of people don't like him and/or don't trust him. I think we would do well to find a way to let him help us, but in a way that keeps him behind the scenes, and let Burgy folks be the public face of what we do and say.

I'm sure I just bent and broke a few open meeting rules with this email, but there you go. Burn it after reading.
Thanks,
John

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To: "Gaby Immerman" <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Cc: "John Hoogstraten" <jhoog@comcast.net>, "Eric Bloomquist" <eab@me.com>
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Cc: "Eric Bloomquist" <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 9:39:00 AM
Subject: Brassworks Area Subcommittee

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John

p.s. "BAS" is Brassworks Area Subcommittee.
"Manager of Real Estate Management"? Snort! That sounds like it's straight from Monty Python. I wonder if the name was created by the corporate Department of Redundancy Department?

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To: jhoog@comcast.net  
Cc: "Gaby Immerman" <gimmerma@smith.edu>, "Mary Dudek" <CMDudek@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 11:30:07 AM  
Subject: Re: greenway

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Good Morning,

Just a reminder that articles for the Williamsburg newsletter are due next Wednesday, April 30th. Please send pictures along if you would like them included.

Charlene

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From: Charlene Nardi [mailto:townadmin@burgy.org]
Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2014 10:26 AM
Subject: Williamsburg Spring Newsletter

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Do you know if he built this from a kit, and if so, do you happen to know the company?

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I feel uncomfortable with the MRGW committee giving the impression that we are aligning ourselves with an agent trying to sell the property. I prefer that we do not send a representative; and have Craig inform any prospective buyer's or the neighbor's to attend one of our meetings, or contact Charlene Nardi or you or Eric to get the update on our work.

If you decide to attend the open house, I caution you to NOT make any definitive statements as to the owners having clear title to the entire property. That discussion must be between the owner, Craig, any buyer and their representatives. You do not want to put the Town in a position as a guarantor of the efficacy of the property survey or the seller's representations regarding the property. You do not want to give a buyer any support for an argument in the future when the deal goes bad or some other adverse event occurs, that the buyer relied on your representations that the boundaries of the property are fixed and unassailable. Remember, the path to hell is laid with good intentions.

I also suggest changing the wording of the postcard to indicate that "plans are in the works" or the "MRGW is working on a proposed path" or something like that rather than "there will be a publicly accessible path."

Charles

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Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2014 2:52 PM
Subject: MRGC business, time sensitive

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Hi Gaby,

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I'll add to the April 3rd Mill River Greenway Committee agenda to make it "official" and come up with at least a tentative date for a neighborhood forum.

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Eric

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Marci

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John and I had a chance to speak with Charlene after the meeting tonight. She suggests that you first discuss the idea of withdrawing the warrant articles with your Brassworks Reuse Committee at your next meeting on April 8. The Select Board will need to hear directly from your committee about that since you were the ones that submitted them. Once they've received that update from you, we (the Brassworks Area subcommittee) will request time at the next Select Board meeting, April 17, to follow up about the progress we're making and the possible reallocation of some of the Reuse funds a year from now.

Let's keep each other updated on progress on all these related fronts. Meantime, I hope your daughter's wedding brings you much joy!

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Hi Gaby,

The letter reads well. Thanks for your efforts!

Joe

On Friday, March 21, 2014 11:21 AM, Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu> wrote:

Gaby:

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Thanks.
Nick

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The meeting is at Northampton Senior Center(on Conz St.) at 9 am.

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To: Eric Weber; Eric Bloomquist; Gaby Immerman; Joe Rogers; John Hoogstraten; Larry West; Marcianna Caplis; Mary & Charles Dudek; Nick Dines; Rob & Judy Stinson
Cc: Marie Westburg; Paul Dunphy; Charlene L. Nardi
Subject: Re: Focus Group

Hey Folks,
I can move some things around for tomorrow and make an appearance at this event. It seems like it has a multi-town focus, and particularly is looking at the needs of older people, but I will represent on behalf of the Mill River Greenway to see if there is anything we can glean or contribute.

gaby

On Wed, Mar 19, 2014 at 3:49 PM, Eric Weber <ewweber@comcast.net> wrote:
Hi, Marie. I’m sorry, but I’m tied up on Friday morning too. I’m copying this message to John Hoogstraten and Gaby Immerman, both of whom are on the Greenway Committee (and John is also on the Trails Committee). But the notice gives no indication where in Northampton the focus group is taking place, so anyone who wants to go will have to call or email David Stevens to find out.

Eric

On Mar 19, 2014, at 11:22 AM, Marie Westburg <coa@burgy.org> wrote:

Eric and Paul,
I thought one of you might be interested in going to this focus group on Friday. (See info below.) Fran Tilley, our senior center representative on the Building Repurposing Committee and a COA Board member is not able to attend and I also cannot. It should be very interesting. They will be talking about city planning, community design, walkability and food accessibility. They need input about our town and will be helping Williamsburg, with the help of Walk Boston, to do an assessment here in greater detail this year. Two of my board members will be going but I thought the Greenway Committee and the Building Reuse Committee might also have a lot to gain from/contribute to this process as we all have similar goals it seems.

Thanks, Marie Westburg
Williamsburg Senior Center
413-268-8410
Patte (Northampton), Nancy (Amherst), Marie (Williamsburg), and possibly Suzanne (Hadley)

Thank you for your willingness to participate with the MiM Focus Group scheduled for Friday, March 21, 2014 from 9-11:30. Catherine Ratte and Dillon Sussman will be conducting this exercise to gather critical input to update the MA Healthy Community Design Toolkit with an elder focus.

We ask you to bring with you 2-3 older adults that are willing to share their thoughts on this project. Circulate the outline below and encourage all participants to review the link to the existing Toolkit to prepare for this exercise.

Their voice needs to be heard!

We ask you to arrive by 9am and the host agency will have light refreshments available. We hope to begin the process by 9:15am and expect the exercise to last approximately 1 1/2 – 2 hours.

Again thank you for your assistance!

Any questions, comments or problems contact me directly.

David P. Stevens
Executive Director
Massachusetts Councils on Aging
iPhone 413.539.0565

Focus Group Outline
Does walking in your neighborhood feel easy safe? Do you think housing in your community is located in neighborhoods that are accessible to services, healthy food and other needs? Can you easily get healthy food?

The way our communities are designed and built impacts our ability to stay active, connected and healthy. A recent report, the *Massachusetts Healthy Community Design Toolkit; Leveraging Positive Change*, provide cities and towns with strategies for creating healthier communities. We now want to make sure that this new resource appropriately and adequately includes strategies that encourage healthy aging.

This focus group will help us do that by exploring how well the built environment of our communities is meeting the needs of older people. We’d like your help identifying:

- What our communities can do to make it easier for older people to be active
- What would make it easier for older people to move around their communities, including biking or walking for daily needs or fun
- What kind of destinations (places) inspire older people to stay active and connected (e.g. types of businesses, community centers, preferred types of parks)
- Barriers to accessing healthy food
We look forward to hearing your ideas on how communities can be better designed and built for older people. We also look forward to hearing how we can better communicate the needs of older people to decision makers in cities/towns and/or facilitate the involvement of older people in community planning.

http://www.pvpc.org/resources/landuse/2013/HealthyCommunityDesignToolkit.pdf

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It seems like it has a multi-town focus, and particularly is looking at the needs of older people, but I will represent on behalf of the Mill River Greenway to see if there is anything we can glean or contribute.

gaby

On Wed, Mar 19, 2014 at 3:49 PM, Eric Weber <ewweber@comcast.net> wrote:
Hi, Marie. I’m sorry, but I’m tied up on Friday morning too. I’m copying this message to John Hoogstraten and Gaby Immerman, both of whom are on the Greenway Committee (and John is also on the Trails Committee). But the notice gives no indication where in Northampton the focus group is taking place, so anyone who wants to go will have to call or email David Stevens to find out.

Eric

On Mar 19, 2014, at 11:22 AM, Marie Westburg <coa@burgy.org> wrote:

Eric and Paul,
I thought one of you might be interested in going to this focus group on Friday. (See info below.)

Fran Tilley, our senior center representative on the Building Repurposing Committee and a COA Board member is not able to attend and I also cannot. It should be very interesting. They will be talking about city planning, community design, walkability and food accessibility.

They need input about our town and will be helping Williamsburg, with the help of Walk Boston, to do an assessment here in greater detail this year. Two of my board members will be going but I thought the Greenway Committee and the Building Reuse Committee might also have a lot to gain from/ contribute to this process as we all have similar goals it seems.

Thanks, Marie Westburg
Williamsburg Senior Center
413-268-8410

From: David Stevens [mailto:david@mcoaonline.com]
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2014 1:59 PM
To: Patte Shaughnessy; Pagano, Nancy; Marie Westburg; coa@hadleyma.org
Cc: Wood, Ben (DPH); Mary Kay Browne; Grabel, Ruth (DPH); Ratte, Catherine; Sussman, Dillon
Subject: MCOA Focus Group: Northampton Friday, March 21st

Patte (Northampton), Nancy (Amherst), Marie (Williamsburg), and possibly Suzanne (Hadley)

Thank you for your willingness to participate with the MiM Focus Group scheduled for Friday, March 21, 2014 from 9-11:30. Catherine Ratte and Dillon Sussman will be conducting this exercise to gather critical input to update the MA Healthy Community Design Toolkit with an elder focus.

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Their voice needs to be heard!

We ask you to arrive by 9am and the host agency will have light refreshments available. We hope to begin the process by 9:15am and expect the exercise to last approximately 1 1/2 – 2 hours.

Again thank you for your assistance!

Any questions, comments or problems contact me directly.

David P. Stevens
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Focus Group Outline

Does walking in your neighborhood feel easy safe? Do you think housing in your community is located in neighborhoods that are accessible to services, healthy food and other needs? Can you easily get healthy food?

The way our communities are designed and built impacts our ability to stay active, connected and healthy. A recent report, the Massachusetts Healthy Community Design Toolkit; Leveraging Positive Change, provide cities and towns with strategies for creating healthier communities. We now want to make sure that this new resource appropriately and adequately includes strategies that encourage healthy aging.

This focus group will help us do that by exploring how well the built environment of our communities is meeting the needs of older people. We’d like your help identifying:

- What our communities can do to make it easier for older people to be active
- What would make it easier for older people to move around their communities, including biking or walking for daily needs or fun
- What kind of destinations (places) inspire older people to stay active and connected (e.g. types of businesses, community centers, preferred types of parks)
- Barriers to accessing healthy food

We look forward to hearing your ideas on how communities can be better designed and built for older people. We also look forward to hearing how we can better communicate the needs of older people to decision makers in cities/towns and/or facilitate the involvement of older people in community planning.
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http://www.pvpc.org/resources/landuse/2013/HealthyCommunityDesignToolkit.pdf

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We appreciate your advocacy, and look forward to continued cooperation with your office to move this urgent and exciting project forward to benefit the residents, businesses, and ecological health of our town.

thank you for your support!
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Hello Mark and Mary Jane,

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We are grateful for Senator Rosenberg's support of the Greenway, and ask for his advocacy in seeing that the line item (included in the House bill but not the Senate version) makes it into the final bill now under consideration by the conference committee.

We look forward to the opportunity to update Senator Rosenberg and/or your staff about the great progress and groundswell of community support for this exciting initiative, which would have a profound positive impact on the citizens of Williamsburg, Northampton, and beyond.

many thanks,

Gaby Immerman
for the WMRGC

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Hi Gaby, I don't know if you've already sent your letter of appreciation and support to Sen Downing but there was a typo in his office's letter to the Williamsburg Selectboard when the letter referred to "$300,000 for a feasibility and design study...."

Sen Downing actually asked the Senate for the same $30,000 that was included in the House version of the bond bill. The language from the Senate record is below:

Mr. Downing moves that the bill (S. 2023) be amended in section 2A, in item 6121-1317, by inserting at the end thereof the following:-

"provided further, that $30,000 shall be expended on a feasibility and design study of a Mill River Greenway in the town of Williamsburg"

It was the same language Rep Kulik put in the House version. We remain very optimistic that in concert with Sen Downing, the language will be retained in the final version of the bond bill that emerges from conference committee. Best, Paul

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Hi team,

Attached are the minutes from the 3/20 Brassworks Area Subcommittee meeting. I will be sending these subcommittee minutes out to the larger committee, even though only the three subcommittee members need to approve them. Thanks.

John

MRGC BAS 3-20-14
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Hi Sally,

I'm writing to update you on the Brassworks subcommittee's progress and ask for your participation in our next step.

Last Thursday, the subcommittee (John Hoog, Mary Dudek, and myself) met with Jeff Ciuffreda, who will be making an initial outreach to Herb Berezin on our behalf. We had a very productive discussion, which we look forward to updating you about.

On a parallel track, we would like to reconvene a subset of the people who came to our first large meeting on March 6, to focus on our inquiry to David Nehring and Susan Fortgang. Along with you, we'll ask Joe Rogers and Markelle Smith back to discuss this subject in more detail. I'll also invite Nancy Childs, a teacher at the Hilltown Charter School, who has had a positive relationship with Dave over the last year in using his property for nature education with her students. We also hope to include Eric Weber in this round.

In preparation for this gathering, we would ask each of you to do a small amount of homework, and come prepared with notes or bullets about specific programs, funding, scenarios, models you are aware of, etc. At the meeting, we will determine a person or group to reach out to the Nehring/Fortgangs as soon as possible.

How does this plan sound to you? I welcome your feedback on process as well as your particular expertise on behalf of both Hilltown Land Trust and Open Space Committee. I'll be sending similar emails to the folks above and then we'll figure out a date to meet.

thanks Sally!
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Hi Charles,

Thanks for the heads-up. I'm not sure if that's the best way to introduce the subject of the Greenway to Susan but it's great to have the information.

We (the Brassworks Sub) are in the process of pulling together a next meeting to discuss the subject of our approach to Nehring/Fortgang. We will try to have that meeting prior to 4/15 so we can factor this ZBA information into our strategy.

Will you be there on the 15th, so you can keep us up to date regardless?

gaby

On Mon, Mar 24, 2014 at 10:09 AM, Charles / Mary Dudek <cmdudek@yahoo.com> wrote:

The zoning board of appeals will be meting with Susan Fortgang on April 15 at 7:00 p.m. to have an informal discussion about the possibility of operating a winery on her property. The meeting is open to the public. Someone from the greenway committee may want to attend and after the meeting, introduce Fortgang to the work of the greenway committee. The ZBA meeting is not a hearing, just an informal exchange of information (Fortgang about her plans and the ZBA about the zoning regs.). I informed Eric of the meeting and he suggested that I pass this on to you.

Charles

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Hey Folks,

In continued communications with Paul Dunphy and with Sen. Downing's office, it seems like a good idea that we send our letter along to all the members of the conference committee currently working out the final Transportation Bond bill.

Senator Downing's office provided me with all the names and contacts of the conferees. I will go ahead and send those today, since the content of the letter is the same as the one you approved to Senator Downing last week.

The modified version is attached, just for the committee's records.

One important clarification: Senator Downing's letter to the Williamsburg Selectboard had a whopper of a typo -- the amount of the request was $30,000, not $300,000! Also, the actual line item does mention Williamsburg by name, so the funds would come directly to our town, not be distributed along the proposed route of the MRG.

Paul Dunphy is optimistic that this line item will make it into the final bill. I'm sure he'll let us know.

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Please find attached a copy of our letter to Representative Stephen Kulik, who represents us in the MA House, and who is serving with you on the conference committee for the Transportation Bond bill currently under consideration.

We are grateful for Representative Kulik's support of our Greenway project, and hope you will consider this important and exciting opportunity for our community as you prepare the final version of the Transportation Bond bill.

many thanks,

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for the Williamsburg Mill River Greenway Committee

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Excellent!

On Mar 25, 2014, at 12:24 PM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:

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Hi All,

The Brassworks Area Subcommittee of the Mill River Greenway Committee will meet next Monday, April 7 at 7pm at the Williamsburg Town Hall.

The agenda is:

Continued discussion of the Mill River Greenway’s possible trajectory through the Brassworks-Flats area of Haydenville.

Eric, can you please add to town calendar?

thanks!
gaby

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Hi,

I put it on the town calendar correctly. I think Brenda is the one who passes these things to the Gazette?

Eric

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Eric,

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John
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Subject: Thurs. meeting
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Welcome to Great Barrington’s
Housatonic River Walk

Please join our annual
Earth Day Workday

Saturday, April 19, 9 AM-2 PM
Lunch Provided
River Walk Tours after 2 PM

Meet at the DuBois River Garden Park
at Church and River Streets, Gt Barrington
Wear safe, protective clothing--shoes with good traction, gloves
and eye protection.

Want to volunteer some more?
Join us on Thursday and Friday afternoons and Saturday
mornings (call ahead!)
Or
Call to arrange special work days for schools and groups on
other days.

CLICK for more information

Please help our Greenagers manage
River Walk’s next 25 years!
Make a check to River Walk
PO Box 1018, Gt Barrington 01230

or

Click To Donate Online
An anonymous donor will match
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river@gbriverwalk.org
www.gbriverwalk.org
Nice map!

On Saturday, April 5, 2014 5:10 PM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:
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Thanks for the map, Eric!

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The yellow line heading up South Main St. turns and goes up Bridge and High Streets, which may elicit a few questions, but I think that will be easily explained and is not worth putting any time or energy into correcting before tomorrow. Otherwise, it looks great.

John
Looks fine. Nice job!

Marci

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- I'm happy to hear that he's interested. I think his perspective would be valuable.
- Yes, he could participate in a non-voting capacity, but personally I'd rather he was a full member of the committee, if possible.
- Charlene is looking into it. I couldn't find anything in the town bylaws that would prevent it, but I may have missed something, or there may be something in state law.
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Charles, thanks for taking the time to write this.

John

From: "Nick Dines" <ndines@larp.umass.edu>  
To: "Charles / Mary Dudek" <cmdudek@yahoo.com>, "John Hoogstraten" <jhoog@comcast.net>, "Gaby Immerman" <gimmerma@smith.edu>, "Eric Bloomquist" <eab@me.com>, "Charles Dudek" <cjdukek313@gmail.com>, "Marciana Caplis" <m3caplis@gmail.com>, "Larry West" <landlwest3315@yahoo.com>, "Joe Rogers" <geojoerogers@yahoo.com>  
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MRGC 4-3-14 meeting minutes.docx
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Eric

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Jeff, we would still like to open a line of communication with NU, but I believe this satisfies our need for a survey map, at least for now.

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Eric
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John
Hello Eleanor,

I'm sorry, but I'm afraid you have been misled about my photographic abilities. However, I will cc this to Eileen Keegan, who manages the Trails Committee website and photo archives, and Eric Bloomquist, chair of the Greenway Committee. Putting photos in the Annual Report is a great idea...maybe more people will actually read it!

John Hoogstraten

From: "selectmen"<selectmen@burgy.org>
To: jhoog@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2014 11:09:21 AM
Subject: photos

John -

I am putting together the town's annual report and want to add some photos. I'm told you are an enthusiastic photographer. I already have some photos but am open to more. (This of course is unpaid, but is an opportunity to show your work with a credit.)

The committee report pages that I think will have space for photos are:

I am finishing up the text this week and will look at inserting photos early next week.

Thank you!

Eleanor Warnock
Administrative Assistant
Board of Selectmen
Town of Williamsburg
413-268-8400
413-268-8409 fax
Hi Everyone,

Just a reminder that the Brassworks Area subcommittee will be meeting tomorrow night (Monday April 14) at the Williamsburg Town Offices. We look forward to seeing you all there.

We ask that you come to the meeting with notes or knowledge pertaining to the various land preservation, restoration, conservation programs that may be of interest to the private landowners.

Our committee has made some excellent progress in the last few weeks and we look forward to updating you!

gaby

On Tue, Mar 25, 2014 at 11:32 PM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:

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gaby

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Hi,

No worries, I see emails as soon (or late) no matter which of my addresses they're sent to. I just prefer to use the eab@me.com one for Greenway-related communication.

I've posted the two subcommittee meetings on the town website calendar.

Thanks,
Eric

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gaby

On Tue, Apr 15, 2014 at 9:32 AM, Charlene Nardi <townadmin@burgy.org> wrote:

Hi Gaby,

It was going to be part of my report. You are welcome to come at 7:00 or 7:15 to give your update.

Charlene

Charlene L. Nardi
Williamsburg Town Administrator

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From: Gaby Immerman [mailto:gimmerma@smith.edu]
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2014 10:53 PM
To: Charlene L. Nardi
Cc: Jeff Ciuffreda; John Hoogstraten; Mary & Charles Dudek; Eric Bloomquist
Subject: Selectboard this Thursday

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gaby

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Best,
sarah
Hi Sarah,

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Charlene

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Sarah C. Bankert, MPH
Community Health Solutions
Collaborative for Educational Services
97 Hawley Street
Northampton, MA 01060
Healthy Hampshire website
Sarah,

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William B. Sayre  
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Williamsburg, MA 01096  
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John
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Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2014 4:31 PM
To: Charlene Nardi
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Eric

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I'm looking forward to hearing about your meeting with Herb Berezin -- sounds like you're off to a great start!

Eric

On Apr 8, 2014, at 9:04 AM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:

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I will happily discuss this with the Board at their meeting on May 1st.

If I could request a favor -- could the Board have this early on their agenda? (The Greenway Committee is meeting at the same time.)

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Eric

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I was unable to find anything in the MGL that defines and appointed official and the Secretary of State's office stated they were unaware of any state regulation requirements - it is up to the town or city.

I will forward your question to the Board of Selectmen to get their feedback.

Charlene

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The survey you received from the NU person is the same as the one Eric Weber found at the Registry of Deeds, and forwarded to Nick Dines for his use. I apologize for the redundant requests; worried that we might not hear from NU for awhile, and knowing that Nick was anxious to have this document, I asked Eric to see what he could find for us. Eric also created an overlay of the survey and a satellite image of the area so we could relate the boundaries to physical locations. I have several hard copies of the survey and one of the overlay. Eric can easily produce more if needed.

To clarify another point, and sorry if I'm telling you something you already know, we are not actually applying for a grant at this time. Nick needed the survey to assist in the completion of a DOT document called the Project Initiation Form (PIF). This is one of the forms that the Town (Selectboard) submits to DOT to place this project in their planning queue. The document requires some pretty specific information about the project, including proposed physical locations. The survey was needed because Nick has been looking for a better location for a bridge crossing than at the old abutments by the Riverview Cafe. He wants to cross at a spot across from the Vet's office where there is already a wide piece of town-owned land between Rt. 9 and the river, and a high plateau on the other side. He needed to know if the plateau area was on NU property, and it appears to be.

Sorry for any confusion or lack of communication from my end. Thanks for the help with NU...I take it as another sign of the professional respect that folks have for you that their response was so forthcoming.

John

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This is the original email I sent to Gaby and the second line of my email was what I was looking for as to some guidance. As you will read in the WMECO email, she was looking for the degree of our interest in the property. I feel badly that I have not gotten back to her as clearly, she will be an important contact down the road.;
If I don’t hear back from you, I will reply to her in as diplomatic a way as I can (without directly answering the question) by 3 PM today.

Thanks!

Jeff

From: Jeffrey Ciuffreda  
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 2:07 PM  
To: 'Gaby Immerman'  
Subject: FW: Williamsburg - WMECO land on Route 9

Gaby

I never “called the dogs off” on this request so it is nice to see they came through. She also had a bunch of questions which I will hold off answering until I hear from you.

Let me know

Thanks  
Jeff

From: barbara.charest@nu.com  
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 1:59 PM  
To: Jeffrey Ciuffreda  
Cc: edgar.alejandro@nu.com; jamie.lintner@nu.com; barbara.charest@nu.com  
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Jeff:

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This land plan at least gives you the dimensions and configuration of the land for the purpose of applying for the grant.

Please keep me informed about the status of your project and whether or not you will be approaching WMECO for use of its land.

Thanks,

Barbara L. Charest  
Senior Analyst - Real Estate  
Northeast Utilities Service Company  
300 Cadwell Drive  
Springfield, MA 01104  
Tel: (413) 787-9531
Hi Barbara,

Can you provide information/guidance on request below? I am out of the office until Tuesday but would like to get back to Jeff before then. Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Jeffrey Ciuffreda" <ciuffreda@myonlinechamber.com>
Date: April 10, 2014 at 8:39:48 AM EDT
To: "Edgar Alejandro" <edgar.alejandro@nu.com>
Subject: request

Edgar

Hope all is well.
This request is town of Williamsburg related so hope you don’t mind.

The town is in the process of working with the Department of Transportation on a walk way / greenway to connect the two villages that make up the town; Williamsburg and Haydenville.

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It touches on route 9 and may carry up over a hill towards South Street. I can’t imagine WMECo having other parcels in the town and the assessors have WMECO as the owner so there should be some record of a tax bill.

Apparently what is needed is a map of the parcel showing its boundaries and it is needed fairly quickly to comply with the requirements and deadline of the grant application they are working on. Clearly, step two will probably be an easement of sorts if the chosen path does cross that property but boundaries need to be identified first.

Someone on the committee has been reaching out to WMECo without success and perhaps were chasing the wrong person. The only name I have been given is Salvatore Giuliano. Not sure if that helps.

Anything you could do to help in this matter would be really appreciated.
Please let me know.

Thanks Edgar.

Hope to see you tomorrow at the legislative committee meeting. We have Jen Murphy in to discuss Gateway Cities.

Jeff

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----- Forwarded by Barbara L. Charest/NUS on 04/15/2014 01:51 PM -----
John:

This is great news, especially after my last meeting with MassDOT with regard to the PIF (Project Initiation Form). I will be sending out a summary of the meeting prior to the May 1st meeting next week.

Nick

On 4/26/14 3:24 PM, jhoog@comcast.net wrote:

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Rob

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Thanks, and I hope you're enjoying spring,

Eric
I have recently become a Trustee for Haydenville Congregational Church and because Trustees meet on the same Thursday evenings, I must regretfully resign from the Greenway Committee at this time. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Karin McGowan
Hi team,

This newsletter contains what I found to be a very hopeful piece of news. Click on the PDF link at the end of the article about the Transportation Bond Bill to see a list of bicycle and pedestrian projects slated for funding, and the dollar amounts for each project. I'm not sure why our $30,000 isn't listed, but it is encouraging to look at the rest of the list, and see the commitment of the state legislature and governor to alternative transportation projects. We can only hope (and vote) for this attitude to continue, and for our supportive local legislators to remain in office.

John
MassBike Partners With MassDOT and DPH On New Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program

On Monday, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) announced the details of the new Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Awareness and Enforcement Program. In it's first year, the program will launch a statewide safety awareness campaign, work intensively in 12 communities statewide, and engage partnerships with Regional Planning Agencies, local leaders, and law enforcement officials. This initiative marks the first time Massachusetts has targeted federal highway safety funding specifically for bicyclist and pedestrian safety.

MassBike is excited to be a partner in this important project. Together with MassDOT, the Department of Public Health (DPH), and WalkBoston, we will work to increase roadway safety through a comprehensive awareness campaign targeted towards motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. MassBike's role in the new safety program will be multifaceted, and will include:

- Contributing to a new safety pamphlet, the first step in a larger public outreach campaign
- Training police officers on the laws related to bicyclists and motorist interactions with bicyclists so that they can perform more effective enforcement
Updating training for truck drivers to include bicyclist and pedestrian safety

The core of our work in the first phase of the program will be targeted assessments and interventions in the 12 target communities to address their specific safety issues.

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Lowell Residents Speak Up For Better Biking

MassBike Executive Director David Watson speaks at Lowell City Council meeting Tuesday night.

Photo: Left in Lowell

On the agenda at Tuesday night's City Council meeting was a motion, introduced by councilor Rita Mercier, to remove the recently-installed bike lanes on Father Morissette Boulevard and revert the street to its previous configuration, four lanes in either direction for cars. Thanks to the strong showing of support for bicycle infrastructure, the council decided that the city should review the bike lanes in question and make recommendations on how to improve them, rather than remove them outright.

MassBike issued an Action Alert to our Lowell email contacts and through social media to motivate people and provide talking points. But local advocates truly took the initiative, spreading the word through social media and bringing together Lowell residents who are concerned with making their city a better place to bike and walk. Friends of biking packed every available seat in the City Council chamber.

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Not a MassBike member yet?
Our members make it possible for us to continue the kind of responsive, direct advocacy work like helping build momentum for better biking in Lowell, and ensuring state funding for bike infrastructure. It gives us the capacity to take on new projects like the MassDOT safety campaign.

If you like what you see, please consider membership today.

Join today to support this important work, and you'll get access to an exciting array of membership benefits statewide.

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Find Out What's In The Massachusetts Transportation Bond Bill For Biking And Walking

On Friday, April 18, Governor Patrick signed the Transportation Bond Bill (H.4046) into law, which provides for $12.7 billion in financing for transportation improvements across Massachusetts. MassBike is very pleased with the outcome: $377,255,000 for the design, construction and repair of, or improvements to, pedestrian, bicycle and multi-use pathways; $50,000,000 for a Complete Streets certification and grant program to incentivize communities to create roads that are safe and convenient for everyone; and at least $230,796,100 in authorizations for specific path, roadway, and bridge projects across the Commonwealth that include significant bicycle or pedestrian infrastructure components. Overall, this represents a major increase in statewide funding for projects that will encourage and facilitate active transportation.

Throughout the process, MassBike and partner advocacy organizations worked hard to ensure the inclusion of these authorizations in the final bill. Regular updates on the status of the bill were provided here in our blog (here, here, and
We thank Joint Transportation Committee co-chairs Senator Thomas McGee (D-Lynn) and Representative William Straus (D-Mattapoisett), Senate Bonding Committee chairman Senator Brian Joyce (D-Milton), House Bonding Committee chairman Representative Antonio Cabral (D-New Bedford), and conference committee members Reps. Straus, Stephen Kulik (D-Worthington) and Peter Durant (R-Spencer) and Sens. McGee, Stephen Brewer (D-Barre) and Robert Hedlund (R-Weymouth) for their leadership. We also thank all of our members, supporters, and partners who helped us make the case to their legislators when it counted most.

We combed through the list of authorizations, identified all projects that have a specific benefit for biking and walking and compiled them into a PDF (click to view).

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**Make Your Miles Count This Month, and Beyond!**

**National Bike Challenge**

Join MassBike and your fellow Bay State bicyclists for the National Bike Challenge, a fun, free, game-changing event. In just three years, the Challenge has helped support thousands of bicyclists -- new and old -- to make every mile count! Earn badges, win prizes, and share your accomplishments. It's never too soon or too late to join. Ride your bike for fun, to work, on the trail- anytime you can. Click here to visit the Massachusetts National Bike Challenge page.

**MassCommute Bicycle Challenge**

The MassCommute Bicycle Challenge (MCBC) is a week-long, FREE and friendly competition amongst Massachusetts businesses, educational institutions, and municipalities. The 2014 MCBC will take place during "Bay State Bike Week" (May 10th - 18th). This exciting corporate challenge has been hosted by MassCommute for Bay State bicyclists the last 20 years! Please join us this year for prizes, raffles, and our legendary "Bike Bash" celebration!

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**Volunteer Opportunities**

Volunteers make up a huge part of our success, so we want to make volunteering with us even better. Anyone who volunteers ten hours of their time will automatically earn a MassBike membership.

**TUESDAY, MAY 13: MassBike Volunteer Night**

5:30 - 8:00 PM | MassBike Office | 171 Milk St, Suite 33 | Boston, MA 02109

Join us for free pizza and cold beer (generously provided by Harpoon) at our monthly volunteer night. This is your opportunity to help your state-wide bicycle
advocacy group while having a good time and meeting great people. Space is limited, so please RSVP if you'd like to join us.

Volunteers help MassBike send out our monthly membership renewal reminders, prepare membership packets, and help out with other activities.

Be sure to RSVP for Volunteer Night with chinh@massbike.org!

FRIDAY, MAY 16 & SATURDAY, MAY 17: Radio 92.9 Earth Fest
Multiple Shifts | DCR Hatch Shell | Storrow Drive | Boston, MA 02116
MassBike will once again be providing free bike valet parking at Radio 92.9 Earth Fest on Saturday, May 17. Volunteers will help bike valet with bike valet setup on Friday evening and Saturday morning, and with running bike valet during the event. Multiple shifts will be available and details will be announced shortly.

Please contact nathaniel@massbike.org to reserve your spot.

Bike Video

We're guessing many people who ride bikes probably have a lot of questions about what the arrival of self-driving cars could mean for roadway safety.

In this video, Google shows how its self-driving car interacts with people riding bikes. Are you looking forward to more of these on the roads?

Meetings, Events, and More

TUESDAY, MAY 6

- **11:30 AM** Longwood Medical Area Bike Fair
- **6:00 PM** Public Meeting: Boston, Leverett Circle Pedestrian Bridge
- **7:00 PM** Public Meeting: Jamaica Plain, Arborway Crossing at the Arboretum
**Arboretum**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 7**

- 5:30 PM Mass BikePike Tour Bike Month Party
- 6:00 PM Public Meeting: Boston, South Boston Waterfront Sustainable Transportation Plan
- 7:00 PM Event: Easthampton, Farmington Canal Greenway Trail

**FRIDAY, MAY 9**

- 7:00 AM Bike Week Festival - Boston

**SATURDAY, MAY 10**

Bay State Bike Week begins! Check out the event listings to find an event in your area.

- 2:00 PM MassBike Class: Cambridge, On-Bike Training Workshop
- 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Arlington, Minuteman Bikeway Cleanup Day

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 14**

- 5:30 PM Cambridge Bicycle Committee Meeting

**THURSDAY, MAY 15**

- 6:30 PM Public Meeting: Boston, Connect Historic Boston
- 8:00 PM Greenfield: Bike Trivia Night @ The People's Pint

For the most up-to-date information about meetings in your area, please visit our calendar.
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gaby

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Thanks,
Eric
This website has useful information regarding biking and pedestrian traffic.

http://www.pedbikeinfo.org/

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Charles J. Dudek
413-588-4090
Hi John,

I don't see an attachment.

Thanks,
Eric

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MRGC 5-1-14 meeting
minutes.docx
Attached are the corrected minutes (showing Emmet's correct name) for review and approval at our next meeting. Thanks.

John
Good Morning,

Thank you for including me on the email group so that I may keep the Board of Selectmen updated on the work of your Committee. It is exciting how much progress the Committee is making and the Board of Selectmen is impressed by the energy and commitment of the group to get the information/facts on all issues of the project. Please note that the Project Needs Form, which our office is familiar with, needs to be initiated by the Board of Selectmen. If you feel you are ready to request that the Project Need Form be filed, please let me know and we will schedule a time for you to meet with the Board of Selectmen to discuss that process.

Thank you,
Charlene

Charlene L. Nardi
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Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2014 9:15 PM
To: Eric Bloomquist; Gaby Immerman
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Subject: Re: May 1st meeting

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Nicholas T. Dines, FASLA Professor Emeritus Department of Landscape
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If there's anything we can do to help push, please let us know.

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Hi Bill,

The Williamsburg Mill River Greenway Committee is hosting a forum on Sunday, June 1st, at 2pm to discuss the future of the South Main Street neighborhood, particularly in the context of the coming arrival of the Northampton rail trail at one end of the street and the possible beginnings of the Mill River Greenway at the other.

The Greenway Committee would like to extend an invitation to you and/or any of the rest of the Highway Department staff who would like to come. We would particularly welcome any thoughts you have about improving traffic safety along that street.

If you have any questions or comments before the forum, please reply to me at this email address or call me at 413-588-4293.

Thanks,
Eric Bloomquist
Chair, Williamsburg Mill River Greenway Committee
Hi Gaby,

The only contact info I have for Bill is the email burgyhighway@verizon.net, and that’s where I sent him an invite to the forum. Other official contact info is at: http://burgy.org/Pages/WilliamsburgMA_Highway/Index

By all means, contact him about those materials, unless Nick thinks it'd be better if he did.

Eric

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Eleanor
I wish to be re-appointed for another term on the Mill River Greenway Committee.

Mary Dudek

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Sent: Thursday, May 8, 2014 5:02 PM
Subject: Fwd: appointments

Hi all,
See below. Please let Eleanor and I know whether you're planning to remain on the Greenway Committee, so the Select Board can make their re-appointments.

Thanks,
Eric

Begin forwarded message:

From: selectmen <selectmen@burgy.org>
Date: May 6, 2014 at 11:07:40 AM EDT
To: 'Eric Bloomquist' <eab@me.com>
Subject: appointments

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I'm putting together the list of appointments. I got Karin McGowan's resignation and will present it to the Board next week. Is everyone else active and willing to be reappointed? Any thoughts about filling any vacancies? Thanks.

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Subject: Fwd: mailing lists for you
To: gaby at smith <gimmerma@smith.edu>

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Subject: Re: draft letter for June 1 forum
Date: May 14, 2014 at 6:41 AM
To: Eric Bloomquist eab@me.com

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Eleanor Warnock
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And your destination is:

The 52nd Annual Meeting of

The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

Thursday, June 19, 2014
At six o'clock in the evening

JUDD GYMNASIA
Springfield College
263 Alden Street
Springfield, Massachusetts

PLEASE RSVP BY MONDAY, JUNE 16

You are invited to enjoy a special early bird guided tour of Judd Gymnasia prior to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission's annual meeting. If you would like to participate, please gather in the lobby at 5:00 p.m. You should have ample time to take the tour and enjoy socializing before the meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

PROGRAM

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Judd Gymnasia at Springfield College

**COST:** $25.00 per person (General Admission)  
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You may call PVPC at (413) 781-6045  
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Dear Brenda,

I am writing to request that the Select Board appoint me as an Associate member of the Williamsburg Mill River Greenway Committee.

Thank you,
Emmet Anderson

2 High Street, Haydenville.
From Susan Fortgang. Sorry for the repeat email for those that have seen it already.

Bridge over the Mill River at the Riverview Grille abutments!

Note historic gentlemen to left in photo!

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: Susan Fortgang <susanfortgang@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, May 13, 2014 at 1:55 PM
Subject: Re: Haydenville bikepath
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Minutes from last night's meeting are attached.

John

MRGC 5-15-14 meeting minutes.docx
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Our committee has mailed about 80 invitations to residents of these streets, and is reaching out personally to the local businesses and town offices (police and fire) in the impacted area.

We look forward to any support materials that WalkBoston may be able to provide for our forum on Sunday, June 1. Please let us know what you are considering.

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gaby

[ attachment: 1977 Scans reduced.pdf ]

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John

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Hosted by the Williamsburg Mill River Greenway Committee

* Do you live or work on South Main Street, Fort Hill Road, Bridge Street, or Walpole Road?

* Do you wish that something could be done about vehicles speeding through your neighborhood?

* Are you wondering about the extension of the Rail Trail across the Northampton/Williamsburg border to South Main Street?

* Are you curious about how this will connect to what the Mill River Greenway Committee is working on?

Come to the forum!

We're looking for your thoughts on the future of the South Main Street Neighborhood.

Questions? Please contact Eric Bloomquist at cab@nne.com or 413-588-4293.
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Date: May 17, 2014 at 8:52 AM
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Gaby, et al,

Eric occasionally gives a presentation of the history of the 1874 flood. It's very well done, and fascinating to attend, listen, and view the old photos. Maybe we can recruit him (wink, wink, Eric) at some point in the future to do his program as a way to elicit support for the historical component of the Mill River Greenway.

John

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From: "Eric Weber" <ewweber@comcast.net>
To: "Gaby Immerman" <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Cc: "Eric Bloomquist" <eab@me.com>, "Joe Rogers" <geojoerogers@yahoo.com>, "John Hoogstraten" <Jhoog@comcast.net>, "Larry West" <landlwest3315@yahoo.com>, "Marcianna Caplis" <m3caplis@gmail.com>, "Mary & Charles Dudek" <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, "Nick Dines" <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, "Rob & Judy Stinson" <rjstinson@comcast.net>, "Ralmon Black" <RalmonBlack@gmail.com>, "Susan Fortgang" <susanfortgang@gmail.com>, "Neal Bastek" <NealBastek@gmail.com>, "Jeffrey Dawson" <dawson14@csld.edu>, "Alex Ghiselin" <aghiselin@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, May 16, 2014 8:55:28 PM
Subject: Re: May 16, anniversary of the Mill River Disaster

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Documents used
Map of Williamsburg showing location of residents who expressed interest in natural gas

Adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Approved: __________________________

Clerk
Select Board minutes of 6/12 are attached.

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Excerpt of the Minutes
Williamsburg Board of Selectmen
March 21, 2013

11. Budget
Collector – It was reported that she was given a sizable increase in salary some years ago, because of comparison with other towns, without consideration of fees; hourly rate when fees are included is higher than other employees. [It was later determined that the Collector had not been given an increase; however, members still felt that salary including fees was appropriate compensation for her 26 public hours a week, and the proposal to fold the fees into the base salary would cost the town more and create an hourly rate that was not sustainable in comparison with other positions.] The Board decided to leave her salary as is.
Sorry about that — the meeting is at the Town Offices, in the auditorium.

thanks,
Eric

On May 10, 2014, at 6:19 AM, Jason Connell <jason.connell@williamsburgfire.com> wrote:

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Thanks for doing this!
Marcianna

Sent from my iPhone

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sbankert@collaborative.org

Healthy Hampshire website
From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Subject: Re: might as well ask
Date: May 21, 2014 at 8:48 PM
To: John Hoogstraten <jhoog@comcast.net>
Cc: Eric Bloomquist <eab@me.com>

Eric, radio silence.... do you have receipts for envelopes etc.?
gaby

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How about we fill the blank area with lines? And would "Please print clearly" be too elementary school?

I put flyers up a few days ago at post offices, banks, libraries, etc, and I sent invites to the police, fire, and highway departments.

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From: selectmen selectmen@burgy.org
Subject: mail
Date: May 27, 2014 at 11:05 AM
To: Eric Bloomquist eab@me.com

Eric -
A lot of mail came back to the Mill River Greenway Committee. You may want to talk to the post office about how to proceed.
We have run into a lot of problems with mail addressed to a street address (ours) rather than a post office box being sent back to sender. Part of the problem is that mail is sorted in Springfield but another part is if there is no box for the house/building, mail can't be delivered.

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I will be there about 1:30, with blue tape for taping up (down?) maps, a couple dozen cheap pens, and several clipboards.

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Sent: Saturday, May 31, 2014 10:52:33 AM
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Local residents raised many issues regarding the CURRENT state of the South Main Street neighborhood that are already at a crisis level, not even considering the possibility of increased ped/bike traffic from the greenway. In order to begin to address these problems, we are going to need some really good "Existing Conditions" data that includes width of town right-of-way, drainage and slope issues, riparian strip demarcation, current signage, etc.

Does WalkBoston offer technical or financial support for commissioning such a survey? Our town DPW was only able to provide the sewer maps you've seen, so there's much data to be collected.

Any advice or professional assistance you can offer would be most appreciated.

thank you!

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Eric,

Jim Hyslip may attend tonight, if he gets in from Atlanta in time (!) Also, Anne Golob, a new homeowner on South Main St. in Haydenville, (hasn't even moved in yet) is very interested in the committee, but likely can't make it tonight.

We did not approve minutes at our last meeting, so tonight need to approve for the last two meetings; May 1 and May 15. Thanks.

John

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Best Regards,
Eric Bloomquist
Chair, Williamsburg Mill River Greenway Committee
Hi team,

The minutes of our last meeting are attached for review and comment.

Thanks,
John
Eric -
Carol Duke was appointed to your committee last Thursday. Full speed ahead!

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Eric Bloomquist –

At their meeting on June 12, 2014, the Board of Selectmen voted to reappoint you to the Mill River Greenway Committee and to the Open Space and Recreation Committee for one-year terms through June 30, 2015.

Even though you are already serving in these positions, you must still be sworn in by the Town Clerk for the new terms of office.

Also appointed to the Mill River Greenway Committee were new member Jim Hyslip, and the other continuing members (Nick Dines, Mary Dudek, John Hoogstraten, Gaby Immerman, Joseph Rogers, Rob Stinson, and Larry West, and Emmet Anderson as Ad Hoc Associate Member). Marcianna Caplis and Charles Dudek are not continuing, as you know, and you have two vacancies.

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Date: June 25, 2014 at 7:30 PM  
To: Rob & Judy Stinson rjstinson@comcast.net

I thought I remembered you saying something like that, but I couldn't remember how soon you were leaving.

Have fun, and see you in September!

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John
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Eric

On Jun 26, 2014, at 8:56 AM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:

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Hello Ms. Charest,

Gaby Immerman here, I am a member of the Mill River Greenway Committee in Williamsburg. I was given your contact information by Jeff Ciuffreda, through whom you provided us this spring with a land survey of a parcel in Williamsburg owned by WMECO. We wanted to express our appreciation to you for that document, and, with Jeff's blessing, thought to make a direct contact so we can continue the discussion more directly.

Several of us on the MRGC have been focusing our attention on what we call the "Brassworks area" surrounding the old mill building and the associated mill pond/flood plain. Our goal of creating a Greenway connecting Haydenville and Williamsburg will only be achieved if we are able to find a creative way to cross or get around this uniquely challenging but also very beautiful and historically compelling stretch of the river.

We do not yet have a plan or specific request to make, but rather would like to speak generally with you about NU's interest in this parcel, long term plans, and potential willingness to work with the Town of Williamsburg on this exciting project. We have already made very positive contact with the other two private landowners who might play a role in finding a solution that works for everyone.

Would a meeting in your office or on site be useful? Or perhaps an initial phone call to exchange ideas and information? Please let me know how best to begin this conversation.

Many thanks in advance for your attention to our town and project.

Gaby Immerman
Chair, Brassworks Area Subcommittee of the Williamsburg Mill River Greenway Committee

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Hi Gaby and Eric,

I've checked in with some folks (Stacey Beuttell, Ben Wood, Wayne Feiden) about potential funding for the S. Main st improvements, and below are some of our collected thoughts. None if it may be new information to you. My next step would be to call Jeff at PVPC, but wanted to check in with you first, as you may already be in touch with them on this issue. If you decide to apply for any of the upcoming grants (MassWorks or People for Bikes) Healthy Hampshire can assist in writing the application.

- **MassWorks Infrastructure Grants**: If you can show that investment would generate jobs and housing in Haydenville Village, but not if it is too speculative. The application deadline is in August. I looked it over briefly, there is actually some language in there that says they will fund designs for transportation improvements for very small communities. This could be your angle.
- I seem to remember that S. Main is a local road? If not, and South Main Street is functionally classified (by the Pioneer Valley MPO/PVPC under the federal definitions) as an arterial or collector road, then it is eligible for federal and state highway dollars. The basic system is the design and any right-of-way purchase is up to the town, but they are then eligible to go onto the Transportation Improvement Program for construction dollars. Although design is local, this is by far the most generous funding program out there. There are different classifications that might work (congestion management/air quality for things like bicycle improvements and safety money for safety improvements) that have shorter waiting times, but the basic eligibility remains the same.
- **People for bikes**: this is a small amount of money but maybe you could use it to do part of the study? LOI due August 1.
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It looks like we can meet in August! We have enough people available on August 12 at 7pm.

So I've moved our meeting to the 12th on the town calendar. If you haven't already been sworn in this town "year" — that is, since the beginning of this month — *please* do so before the meeting. (Note that the Town Clerk’s Office is closed from July 31 through August 10.)

Agenda
- election of Chair (*)
- general planning for next steps
- discussion about South Main Street issues
- other business

(*) Same deal as last year — I'm happy and willing to continue as Chair, but if the Committee would like someone else in the role, that's fine too. I'm in this for the long haul, either way.

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Thanks,
John

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To: "Hoogstraten, John" <jhoog@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 10:17:56 AM
Subject: RE: mill river

John

Thanks for the response.
If you could attend the meeting at 6:00 PM, that would be great.
Basically, the committee responded to the request from the committee, as well as from Herb, that a lot of attention was being paid to the building and that area for this year and that maybe the funds could be put to use.

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Therefore, we don’t need specifics right now but to begin a dialogue.

Thanks for making yourself available.

All the best

Jeff

From: jhoog@comcast.net [mailto:jhoog@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 8:18 PM
To: Jeffrey Ciuffreda
Subject: Re: mill river

Hi Jeff,

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Not sure why you haven't heard from Gaby...she is generally very responsive to communications. I will track her down and at least one of us, and maybe both, will be at your meeting on the 12th. I know that I can be there, at least.

Good to hear from you, and hope all is well with you!
John

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Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 11:35:57 AM
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Good morning and hope the summer is treating you well!
I am reaching out to you as I have emailed Gaby at least a couple of times, once or twice on an issue she was dealing with with the Electric Company parcel, and the last time to see if she could come into a Brassworks meeting on the 12th to shed a little more light on what possible uses, if any, the committee might have for the Brassworks funds given we have delayed turning them over to the town for a year.

Therefore, I am asking that question of you as I have not heard from Gaby. Hope I didn’t step on anyone’s toes!!

Would you be comfortable coming in on the 12th, or feel free to reach out to Gaby. We have Herb Berezin coming in at 5:00 PM so maybe around 6:00 would be good. We didn’t want to have both at the same time.

If you could john, let me know one way or the other.

Many thanks.

Jeff

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Subject: Fwd: Greenway Committee
Date: August 11, 2014 at 7:29 PM
To: Bloomquist, Eric eab@me.com
Cc: Immerman, Gaby gimmerma@smith.edu

Eric,

I'm thinking it might be useful for you to also see Gaby's response to Jeff from late July.

See you tomorrow.
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Jeff, thanks for your offer to assist in getting in touch with Barbara Charest. I think my email may have arrived just prior to her summer vacation. I've left a voicemail this week and hope to revive that discussion soon.

Regarding your invitation to come to a Brassworks Reuse Committee meeting, I feel it is just a tad premature. Our committee has not met in close to two months so I do not feel prepared to offer specific suggestions for the use of your funds at this moment. It's possible that some ideas might come from the discussion with WMECO. We may also wish to contract for some professional survey work to get comprehensive information about the capacity of the Brassworks mill pond and field areas to host trails, bridge abutments, etc. But these are just ideas, not firm plans.

Would our attendance at a September or October meeting be a possibility? I think we'll have taken some steps toward a clearer vision by then.

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gaby

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Wasn't the original point of the fund was Brassworks-centered economic development? Well, what could be better for that than connecting it to appealing public space, and via that to the rest of the town? Maybe worth emphasizing to them - though of course Jeff knows - the potential synergies between the Greenway and the Brassworks site, in both economic and historical contexts.

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-----Original Message-----
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Sent: Sunday, August 10, 2014 9:22 PM
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John

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Sent: Saturday, September 6, 2014 4:44:10 PM
Subject: Fw: MRGC reimbursements

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Mary

hey folks,
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On Mon, Jun 2, 2014 at 10:13 AM, Charles / Mary Dudek <cmdudek@yahoo.com> wrote:

We contributed $10 toward the stamps to mail the South Main invitation...not sure if that counts??
Mary

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Sent: Saturday, May 31, 2014 8:32 AM
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hey everyone,

I was successful in getting approved for $200 to cover our out of pocket expenses for the WMRGC efforts from Healthy Hampshire, which is the local org that connected us to WalkBoston.

So if you have any receipts, please bring them to the forum on Sunday so we can put them together with a memo for Sarah Bankert to submit.

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Sent: Saturday, May 31, 2014 8:32 AM
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On Sat, Sep 6, 2014 at 6:27 PM, <jhoog@comcast.net> wrote:

Mary,

I have not. To be truthful, it fell completely off my radar over the busy summer. I think we need to take it up with Gaby...she seems to be the gatekeeper of those funds.

John

From: "Dudek, Mary" <cmdudek@yahoo.com>
To: "Hoogstraten, John" <jhoog@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 6, 2014 4:44:10 PM
Subject: Fw: MRGC reimbursements

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Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2014 9:00:11 PM
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Also, just FYI for all, a quick bit of research this morning reveals that WMECO paid a bit over $33,000 for this parcel back in 1976, it is now valued by the town assessors at $42,200, and WMECO pays $733 a year in real estate taxes on the parcel.

John

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Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2014 9:01:27 PM
Subject: Fwd: Williamsburg Mill River Greenway

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If everyone could, please give some thought in the meantime to what would be the best way to capture your observations in the field. We will have access to GPS equipment, Smith students, etc. and it will be important to be able to convert as much real data as we can from this walk.

thanks in advance for your contributions! Paul and Sally, we will keep you looped in as things progress.

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-Jim.

From: Jim Hyslip  hyslip@hyground.com
Subject: RE: request from the Mill River Greenway Committee
Date: September 17, 2014 at 9:21 AM
To: Gaby Immerman  gimmerma@smith.edu, Joe Rogers  geojoerogers@yahoo.com, Paul Wetzel  pwetzel@smith.edu, Eric Weber  ewweber@comcast.net, Paul Jahnige  paul.jahnige@state.ma.us, Sally Loomis  loomissally@gmail.com
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Paul W., are you available on November 8? If so, let's proceed with that date and we'll bring Paul J. and Sally up to speed afterward. I'm sure this will only be the first of several such exploratory walks.

gaby

On Tue, Sep 16, 2014 at 10:29 AM, Jahnige, Paul (DCR) <paul.jahnige@state.ma.us> wrote:

I, unfortunately, am also not available either of those dates.

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Jeff - thanks again for your help in connecting us with these folks.

John H.
Hi Charlene,

I've been in touch recently with Jeff McCullough from PVPC regarding the Mill River Greenway Committee's ongoing efforts to consider the present and future of the South Main Street/Fort Hill Road intersection.

PVPC will likely be able to provide traffic-count equipment to Williamsburg sometime next spring for us to gather preliminary data on the current usage, types of cars, speeds, busy times of day, etc.

They can put us on the list for this if they receive a formal request for Local Technical Assistance from the Selectboard. Jeff will provide me with the correct contact person to send the request. Would you like me to draft the letter for you to pass along to the Select Board, or is this a template you've already got in hand and just needs to be modified?

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Already did!

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Eric

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From: Jim Hyslip
hyslip@hyground.com

Subject: RE: Greenway Committee reminder -- Thursday 10/2 @ 7pm at Town Offices

Date: October 2, 2014 at 2:31 PM

To: Eric Bloomquist eab@me.com, Gaby Immerman gimmerma@smith.edu

-----Original Message-----
From: Jim Hyslip
Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 1:33 PM
To: 'Eric Bloomquist'; Gaby Immerman
Subject: RE: Greenway Committee reminder -- Thursday 10/2 @ 7pm at Town Offices

Eric / Gaby - Here are the maps you requested last meeting.

-Jim.

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From: Eric Bloomquist [mailto:eab@me.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2014 11:42 AM
To: Emmet Anderson; Nick Dines; Mary & Charles Dudek; John Hoogstraten; Jim Hyslip; Rob & Judy Stinson; Larry West; Joe Rogers; Gaby Immerman
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Gaby and I can also report on the meeting with WMECO folks. I will write up notes from the meeting.

John
Hi Eric,

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Joe

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Thanks,
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Thanks,
Eric
Hi team,

Rainy days are good for something....minutes of our last meeting are attached; for your review and approval at the next meeting.

Thanks,

John

MRGC 10-2-14 meeting minutes.docx
Hey Folks,
Here's the information about Wayne's walk tomorrow if you are interested in attending.
John Sinton and I will be there representing MRGI and the Williamsburg MRGC in case questions arise.

gaby

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: Mill River Greenway <info@millrivergreenway.org>
Date: Sun, Sep 28, 2014 at 10:23 AM
Subject: Walking Workshop: Leeds Trail Extension to Haydenville
To: Gaby <gimmerma@smith.edu>

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Walking Workshop: Trail Extension from Leeds to Williamsburg Line -- Monday October 6, 4:30

Here is an opportunity to walk the final .3 mile of the Northampton section of the multi-use trail to the Williamsburg line and discuss options with Northampton planning director Wayne Feiden.

Public Notice
Walking Workshop: Mass Central Trail Extension

4:30 PM Monday October 6th
Northern End of Grove Avenue, Leeds

The City has received a grant to:
1. Repair drainage problems on the Grove Ave. rail trail access.
2. Extend the MassCentral Rail Trail northerly 1/3± mile.
3. Address some non-native invasive plants in this area.
4. Add interpretive/informational signage as appropriate.
We are holding a walking workshop with our engineer to help identify specific issues that should be addressed, from especially valuable trees, to consideration of trail surface, to appropriate locations for guard rails and any other relevant issues. The walk should help identify specific issues along the trail.

Please join us for this walk if you are interested and available.

Wayne Feiden, FAICP, Hon. WMAIA  
Director of Planning and Sustainability  
City of Northampton  
210 Main Street, Room 11  
Northampton, MA 01060  
(413) 587-1265  
www.NorthamptonMA.gov/PLAN
Hey Folks,
These are the photographs that Eric Weber compiled for the Mill River walk that took place on Saturday from Leeds to Haydenville. Thought you would enjoy them! They are focused on the area at the foot of South Main Street, which had mills on both sides of the street in the 1800s. The iron trestle bridge is located where the narrow concrete bridge is today.

Second set of four pictures to follow.

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From: Gaby Immerman gimmerma@smith.edu
Subject: Fwd: Photos 5-8
Date: October 6, 2014 at 6:39 AM
To: Eric Bloomquist eab@me.com, Gaby Immerman gimmerma@smith.edu, Joe Rogers geojoerogers@yahoo.com, John Hoogstraten jhoog@comcast.net, Larry West landlwest3315@yahoo.com, Mary & Charles Dudek CMDudek@yahoo.com, Nick Dines ndines@larp.umass.edu, Rob & Judy Stinson rjstinson@comcast.net, Jim Hyslip hyslip@hyground.com
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From: Eric Weber <ewweber@comcast.net>
Date: Tue, Sep 30, 2014 at 1:42 PM
Subject: Photos 5-8
To: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
I've heard back from Eric, John, Rob, and Larry on this. All other comments please reply by end of Friday so i can submit letter to Charlene for next week's Select Board.

thanks-
gaby

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Hi Gaby,

I like it, thanks! My only suggestion would be to bullet-point the list of traffic difficulties -- easier to read and gives it more oomph.

Ditto what John said re the on the press release being tricky. I suspect this will be the first of many contexts where we can be a force for positive change in issues that are around the edges of our central goal. (There's probably a $10 political science term for that.) We should focus on the fact that these things need fixed whether or not it involves the Greenway project as such, but not be shy about the fact that our involvement (1) brings attention to the issues and (2) will be added leverage to getting the resources needed to address the issues.

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Gaby,

Sounds good to me. Thanks for writing it.

Regarding the press release: I fully understand and agree with your thinking about stressing the need to initially address existing problems, but feel that it would be important to couch that language in the context of the larger greenway project. We want to avoid creating the perception that "Trails and Greenways" funding is being diverted into traffic improvements, and make sure it's clear that any roadway improvements are being done in the RTG context. I think we're on the same page, and I trust your writing skills greatly; I only mention this because I think the "message" is going to be important, and tricky, to get right. Thanks again for being willing to do this.

John
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We appreciate your bringing this to their attention at this week’s Select Board meeting. Please let me know what else we can do to move this forward.

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stay tuned!

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Thank you so much for the update Gaby. Is the walk on November 8th something that is open to others; I'd like to join.

Susan Fortgang MSW PhD
917–592–4999

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Thanks,
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Hey folks,

See below for DCR announcement of Rec Trails Grant. I will be there and already RSVP'd to Amanda Lewis, who is the coordinator of this program for DCR. If anyone else wants to attend, let me know and I'll include your names to Amanda (who will put it in their Media Advisory).

We are welcome to have a press release ready to go following this event, so that's as of Friday noon. I'd like to bring printed copies with me, which means I need to draft something ASAP! I will do that and send around to you all for approval before Friday.

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From: Lewis, Amanda (DCR) [mailto:amanda.lewis@state.ma.us]
Subject: RE: You're Invited to DCR's Recreational Trails Program Grant Award Announcement

Also, if you plan on attending, can you please let me know today preferably? I am getting asked by the DCR Press if I can compile a list of attendees for a media advisory, which might help get this in the news. Thanks!

Amanda Lewis
Recreational Trails Program
Department of Conservation and Recreation
136 Damon Road
Northampton, MA 01060
413-586-8706 ext. 19

Hello,

This is the first of two events that will be held to announce the 2014 RTP Grant Awards. This Friday, the DCR Commissioner will be speaking in Northampton to announce the grant awards. The following Friday, a DCR representative will be hosting another event in Lowell, MA to announce the grant round as well (at 11am), allowing folks from the greater Boston area to attend. Please join us! Participation is a reflection of the impact of the grant program and it is good for our Commissioner and the legislators to see the popularity and commitment to this program. Especially with consideration of the possible
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And, please share this invitation with anyone you see fit.

Thank you,
Amanda

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From: Ezedi, Egobudike (DCR)
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 9:57 AM
Subject: You're Invited to DCR's Recreational Trails Program Grant Award Announcement

WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!
INVITE YOU TO ATTEND

DCR’s Recreational Trails Program Grant Award Announcement

Friday, October 17, 2014
10:00 a.m.

Cutchins Programs for Children & Families
78 Pomeroy Terrace
Northampton, MA 01060

For More Information, Please Call 617.626.4973
Follow us on Twitter @MassDCR

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Hello Amanda and Charlene,

Here is the final draft of the Williamsburg Mill River Greenway's press release regarding the RTP grant award. I will have print copies available at tomorrow's award event.

Thanks again for your support of this wonderful project!

gaby

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Gabby:

This is a very complete description of our work and of our main objective. It is concise and contextualizes the grant. Well done.

Nick

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Nicholas T. Dines, FASLA, Professor Emeritus
Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003
ndines@larp.umass.edu
Hi Gaby,

I like it!

Eric

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Hi Charlene,

I've reached out to Bill Turner to make sure he's aware of the grant and enlist his guidance at the front end. Can you let me know what other town officials and committees we should contact directly as we begin to imagine how these funds might be deployed?

thanks!
gaby

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Date: Thu, Oct 16, 2014 at 9:19 PM
Subject: Mill River Greenway committee grant
To: Bill Turner <burgyhwy@verizon.net>

Hi Bill,

Left a couple messages for you at the garage about this grant we just received for work on the Greenway project. Attached is the press release we're sending out tomorrow about it.

I'd love to talk to you about first steps regarding using some of this money to study and begin to solve existing problems at that nasty intersection of South Main and Fort Hill Road. I would like to learn from you how to begin that process, what sort of experts we need and who you would recommend to speak to about it.

Give me a call or maybe we can find a time to talk in person briefly in the next week or so? My cell is 413-559-7847.

many thanks,
gaby

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Very cool. What a great thing, in all ways, for what we are doing. Good work, everyone!

John
Go Gabby an Eric! Nice job and thanks.

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I'm on it. (I'm actually working from your press release. Just tweaking it some for the audience.)

Eric

On Oct 20, 2014, at 11:17 AM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:

Are you on this, Eric? If not we could use the press release?

Begin forwarded message:

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From: 'Charlene Nardi' <townadmin@burgy.org>
Date: October 20, 2014 at 10:11:42 AM EDT
To: cjurgensen@hr-k12.org, selfisho@comcast.net, melisaadams4@comcast.net, wiklanddd@williamsburgpd.org, "AI Golash" <bmw1800@aol.com>, "Anne Bussler" <abussler@k12s.phast.umass.edu>, "Anne Haxo" <act.haxo@verizon.net>, asessors@burgy.org, "Barbara Young" <byoung@cwmars.org>, "Bill Turner" <burghighway@verizon.net>, "Brenda Lessard" <townclerk@burgy.org>, "Building Commissioner" <chasbrouck@northamptonma.gov>, "Charlene Nardi" <cnnardi@comcast.net>, "Charlie Heath" <chasheath@comcast.net>, "Chris Morris" <admin.otis@verizon.net>, "Dave Mathers" <DaneDMathers@verizon.net>, "David Chase" <david@davidchase.net>, "David Chase \(gmail\)" <dcd546@gmail.com>, "Denise banister" <dbanister@minoraninc.com>, "Don Lawton" <chieflawton@comcast.net>, "Don Turner" <daturner17@verizon.net>, "donna gibson" <donnagibson@gmail.com>, "Duncan Laird" <duncanlaird@verizon.net>, "eleanor warnock" <selectmen@burgy.org>, "Eric Bloomquist" <bearpaw01@comcast.net>, "Eric Cerreta" <eric@dovebusinessassociates.com>, "Eric Weber" <oowebber@comcast.net>, "Eric Weiss" <hrmc@crocker.com>, estewart@stuaf.umass.edu, "Foothills Health Agent" <foothillshealth@yahoo.com>, "Fran Goebel WCOA" <frangoebel@burgy.org>, "Fred Goodhue" <FKGoodhue@comcast.net>, "Gaby Immerman" <gimmerma@smith.edu>, "Gail Paddock" <padlock_gail@yahoo.com>, "Gary Benoit" <lonebroq@msn.com>, "Gerald Mann" <gm11@crocker.com>, "Gordon Allen" <gordon.allen7@gmail.com>, "Helen Symons" <LLZ9@comcast.net>, "Jacqueline Dufresne" <sugarmaker@msn.com>, "Jason Connell" <jccoonn@gmail.com>, "Jeff Ciuffreda" <ciuffreda@myonlinechamber.com>, "Jeff Gelbard" <jgelbard@syzygydesigns.com>, "Jim Locke" <gibuild@verizon.net>, "Joe Larkin" <hollyjoelarkin@comcast.net>, "John Hoogstraten" <hoog@comcast.net>, "John O'Sullivan" <theos4@verizon.net>, "John pohanka" <johnpohanka@comcast.net>, "Joseph Russo" <jrusso@northamptonma.gov>, "Joyce Muka" <JMuka@frcog.org>, "kayla salahon" <kaysowhat@yahoo.com>, "Ken Taylor" <ktlb@820830@aol.com>, "Kim Boas" <kboas@gmail.com>, "Kit Smith" <cogesmith@comcast.net>, "kkrol@cwmars.org>, "Kristen Smidy - HRPHS Principal" <ksmidy@hr-k12.org>, "Marc Caplis" <mcaplis@gmail.com>, "Mary Westburg" <mcoa@burgy.org>, "Mary Duke" <cmdudek@yahoo.com>, "Mary Kay Hannon" <channomnk@comcast.net>, <mbisbee52@hotmail.com>, "Nylda Weeks" <nyldaweeks@burgy.org>, "Paul Dunphy" <paul@stevekulik.org>, "Paul Jahngie" <paul.jahngie@state.ma.us>, "Paul Sanderson" <petticoatburgy@yahoo.com>, "Paul Wetzel" <pwetzel@smith.edu>, "Peter Banister" <petebanister@aol.com>, "Peter Mahieu" <treasurer@burgy.org>, <pshumway@comcast.net>, "Ralom Black" <ramonblack@gmail.com>, "Robert Buchele" <RBUCHELE@email.smith.edu>, "Robert Stinson" <rstinson@comcast.net>, "Rusty \(Gordon\) Luce" <dinglenews@msn.com>, "Sarah Christiansen" <sechristia@comcast.net>, "sconnor@northamptonma.gov>, "Shayla Howe" <howe0005@yahoo.com>, "Sherry Loomis" <bloomis@burgy.org>, "Soles Andrew P." <asoles@admin.umass.edu>, "Stacey Jenkins" <sianjkins@hr-k12.org>, "Tom / Reelife Productions" <tomadams@gmail.com>, "Tom Geryk" <tgeryk@northamptonma.gov>, "Town Collector" <towncollector@burgy.org>, "Water Sewer" <watersewercommission@burgy.org>, "William Sayre" <sayre@crocker.com> wrote:

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Thanks,
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Eric:

The text as amended is clear and captures the key points of our deliberations and further describes our long term objective while at the same time addressing immediate concerns.

Nick

On 10/22/14 12:23 AM, Eric Bloomquist wrote:

Hi,

See updated version, attached.

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thanks!
gaby

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From: Charles / Mary Dudek  cmdudek@yahoo.com  
Subject: Re: for Fall 2014 Burgy Newsletter  
Date: October 21, 2014 at 11:04 AM  
To: Eric Bloomquist  eab@me.com

OK for publication!

Mary

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From: Eric Bloomquist <eab@me.com>  
To: Emmet Anderson <emmetlevi411@gmail.com>; Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu>; Mary & Charles Dudek <CMDudek@yahoo.com>; John Hoogstraten <jhoog@comcast.net>; Jim Hyslip <hyslip@hyground.com>; Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>; Rob & Judy Stinson <rjstinson@comcast.net>; Larry West <landlwest3315@yahoo.com>; Joe Rogers <geojoerogers@yahoo.com>  
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-Jim.

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Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 10:13 PM
To: Emmet Anderson; Nick Dines; Mary & Charles Dudek; John Hoogstraten; Jim Hyslip; Gaby Immerman; Rob & Judy Stinson; Larry West; Joe Rogers
Subject: for Fall 2014 Burgy Newsletter

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Eric
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John

From: "Bloomquist, Eric" <eab@me.com>
To: "Anderson, Emmet" <emmetlevi411@gmail.com>, "Dines, Nick" <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, "Dudek, Mary" <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, "Hoogstraten, John" <jhoog@comcast.net>, "Hyslip, Jim" <hyslip@hyground.com>, "Immerman, Gaby" <gimmerma@smith.edu>, "Stinson, Rob" <rjstinson@comcast.net>, "West, Larry" <landlwest3315@yahoo.com>, "Rogers, Joe" <geojoerogers@yahoo.com>
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Hi Charlene,
Not sure if you'll have room or interest in the newsletter but here is the pic from the RTP grant ceremony last week! Yay!

gaby

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Lewis, Amanda (DCR)" <amanda.lewis@state.ma.us>
Date: October 22, 2014 at 2:15:31 PM EDT
To: "Gaby Immerman" <gimmerma@smith.edu>, "Sarah LaValley" <slavalley@northamptonma.gov>
Subject: RTP Event Pic...Please pass along

Amanda Lewis
Recreational Trails Program
Department of Conservation and Recreation
136 Damon Road
Northampton, MA 01060
413-586-8706 ext. 19
Hi Barbara,

Thank you for the permission letter, which we will all sign on Saturday at the walk. I will return that to you early next week.

At this point in the process our committee does not have a specific route mapped out. The walk this weekend will provide some insight in that regard but we are a long ways off from a clear plan. We are looking for a general sense from WMECO whether a trail license or an outright sale or donation of the land would be considered. I can tell you that we are focused only on the area immediately adjacent to the river, not the upland portion of the parcel.

Please let me know if that is adequate information for the time being.

thank you,

gaby

On Mon, Nov 3, 2014 at 2:45 PM, <barbara.charest@nu.com> wrote:

Gaby,

I will need additional information from you in order to move this property review forward. If you have a plan of where the bike path is to be located on WMECO property, its width, etc., that will be placed on an exhibit for the submission. I marked WMECO's land plan with the approximate location of its entry and exit, but we are looking for something that would show how it travels across the property.

Thanks,

Barbara L. Charest
Senior Analyst - Real Estate
Northeast Utilities Service Company
300 Cadwell Drive
Springfield, MA 01104
Tel: (413) 787-9531
Fax: (413) 787-9532
E-Mail: charebl@nu.com

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From: <barbara.charest@nu.com>
Date: Thu, Oct 16, 2014 at 8:43 AM
Subject: WMECO land Rt. 9, Williamsburg, MA
To: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Cc: jamie.lintner@nu.com, barbara.charest@nu.com

Gaby,

Yes, I did receive your formal request, both via e-mail and U.S. Mail. My internal mapping has been requested which is needed to start the review process.

I will provide you with a letter of permission today for your walk of the WMECO property on November 8, 2014.

Thanks,

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From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
To: Barbara L. Charest/NUS@NU, Jamie L. Lintner/NUS@NU,
Date: 10/14/2014 06:26 PM
Subject: Haydenville follow up

Hi Barbara and Jamie,

I am writing to confirm that you’ve received our request for a formal review of the Haydenville parcel we discussed at our meeting a few weeks ago. I sent it via email and also mailed a hard copy signed a few days later.

And a reminder, if you feel that written permission is needed for our walk on the land on November 8, we’d be grateful for that letter. Your verbal permission is fine from our end but we want to be sure we are following NU protocols.

thanks very much,
gaby

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Thanks, Eric.

John, my colleague Kim Erslev will contact you for more information.

Many thanks,

Paul

On Tue, Oct 28, 2014 at 12:53 PM, Eric Weber <ewweber@comcast.net> wrote:

Thanks, Paul. Bear in mind that the area in question is very small, probably less than half an acre. All of it is within 100’ of the Mill River, most of it much closer than that, and the successful solution will be an ADA-compliant trail making the transition from a level railroad bed (rails and ties are gone) to what is now a steep, badly eroded footpath along the top of the riverbank, within a narrow ROW that is, fortunately, widest near the rail bed. The other end of the segment to be designed is the trail’s terminus at a public road. As I mentioned on the phone, there is a pro-bono geotech engineer involved, so the engineering aspects of the design will probably be well addressed. But there will need to be plantings that can stabilize disturbed areas after construction and survive in what I expect will still be poor soils and deep shade, and they may want to be integrated into the engineering design using fabrics and/or natural fiber matting or other materials and techniques with which I’m not familiar. It’s too technical for a first student project and too small for a student team project, but I suspect it would be perfect for a CSLD grad working alone or in a small office who is confident of his or her ability to meet the technical challenges with assurance. I don’t know what the design schedule or budget will be.

My contact on the Greenway Committee is my friend and next-door neighbor John Hoogstraten, to whom I’m copying this message. I’ve told you everything I know about the project, but John knows more and will be happy to tell you about it if you have additional questions. His phone number is 413-268-7523.

Thanks again,

Eric
On Oct 28, 2014, at 11:23 AM, Paul Cawood Hellmund <hellmund@csl.edu> wrote:

Eric,
I am checking around here for a possible designer to work on the greenway project and will let you know what I find.

Paul

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Paul Cawood Hellmund, ASLA
President | Professor of Design & Planning
The Conway School | Graduate Program in Sustainable Landscape Planning & Design
332 S. Deerfield Road | PO Box 179 | Conway, MA 01341

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From: "Kim Erslev" <erslev@csld.edu>
To: "Hoogstraten, John" <jhoog@comcast.net>
Cc: "Weber, Eric" <ewweber@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 4, 2014 8:23:18 AM
Subject: Re: project inquiry

John and Eric-
I would be very interested in helping to design this greenway connection! I can send a resume if that is helpful. We also have alumni who could work with you if that seems more appropriate.
Thanks and best wishes,
Kim

On Mon, Nov 3, 2014 at 10:18 PM, <jhoog@comcast.net> wrote:

Hi Kim,

Thanks for your message. I'm assuming that you have seen the description of the project that Eric sent to Paul, so have a general idea of the physical nature of the work. I can fill you in a bit regarding the process.

I am a member of the Mill River Greenway Committee, an appointed committee of the Town of Williamsburg. Our original charge was to study the feasibility of creating a greenway, roughly following the course of the Mill River, and connecting the village centers of Williamsburg and Haydenville. The selectboard accepted the recommendations in our feasibility report, and authorized us to continue planning the project.

While we have been working on the greenway proposal, a gift of property and a separate right-of-way acquisition have made it possible to connect South Main Street in Haydenville to the former railbed running from Haydenville to Leeds, upon which the Northampton bikepath system exists. The City of Northampton is in the process of extending their path to the Williamsburg town line. The Williamsburg Selectboard asked the Greenway Committee to take on the additional task of developing plans for connecting the proposed end of the Mill River Greenway (in the vicinity of the Brassworks / Haydenville Library) to the town line on the old railbed.

A particular engineering and design challenge is the connection between South Main Street and the railbed using the above-mentioned right-of-way. This is the area that Eric so accurately described in his email. One of the Greenway Committee members owns an engineering firm specializing in geotech analysis, and has offered his services to do the initial engineering work associated with this area, and possibly the
engineering related to the design of the path (possibly working with Smith College engineering students). He does not, however, want to take on the overall design of the project, and for that would like to collaborate with a landscape designer. It was in this context that I extended a feeler to Eric to see if he might want to be that designer.

We are at the beginning of the process; securing grants and funding where we can and determining what the process will look like. I'm sorry that I can't be more specific at this point regarding timing, funding and so on. We very much would like to keep this process local, and so are scouting around for interested and qualified participants. The committee meets on Thursday this week, and on our agenda will be to begin to arrive at some clarity of how to move forward.

I hope this (long...sorry!) email helps you understand our project a bit better. I guess all we can really ask of you at this point is if you think you might be interested in working on the project when the time comes, or if you have other suggestions for us in that regard. Thanks for your time, and I'll look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
John Hoogstraten

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To: "Weber, Eric" <ewweber@comcast.net>, "Hoogstraten, John" <jhoog@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, November 1, 2014 8:23:03 PM
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Hi Eric and John-
Can you tell me a bit more about your project? My key constraint is timing since I am very busy in the fall and spring. I am usually more available January through March, and sometimes in the summer.
I am a registered Landscape Architect if that is required. If not, I can also seek out some alums for the design work.
All the best,
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-Jim.

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From: Gaby Immerman [mailto:gimmerma@smith.edu]
Sent: Saturday, October 18, 2014 2:25 PM
To: jhoog@comcast.net
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-Jim.

From: Gaby Immerman [mailto:gimmerma@smith.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, November 04, 2014 5:34 PM
To: Eric Bloomquist; Gaby Immerman; Jim Hyslip; Joe Rogers; John Hoogstraten; Larry West; Marianna Connolly; Mary & Charles Dudek; Nick Dines; Rob & Judy Stinson; Paul Wetzel; Eric Weber; Susan Fortgang
Subject: Brassworks Tromp this Saturday!

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Eric,

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I’ve been working on a preliminary design of the South Main St Connector to help identify key issues. I’ll have something that the committee can consider (throw darts at) in time for the meeting.

John H. – Can you stop by my office Wed afternoon or Thursday morning to receive a hand-off of stuff for the meeting?

Sorry for not being there in person.

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From: Eric Bloomquist eab@me.com
Subject: Re: Greenway Committee reminders -- 2 for 1!
Date: November 4, 2014 at 8:27 AM
To: Brenda Lessard townclerk@burg.org

Thanks!

On Nov 4, 2014, at 5:39 AM, Brenda Lessard <townclerk@burg.org> wrote:

Eric,
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Brenda

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Subject: Re: Mass in Motion meeting in Burgy next week? - please respond
Date: November 5, 2014 at 9:44 PM
To: Eric Bloomquist <eab@me.com>

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see you then,
sarah

On Wed, Nov 5, 2014 at 6:33 PM, Eric Bloomquist <eab@me.com> wrote:
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more recent orthophoto than the one we were carrying around today — one that clearly shows the fields on the flat and a bit more of the
bulldozed trail on the WMECO property.

Notes to follow.

Eric

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From: noreply@motionx.com
Subject: MotionX-GPS Track: Track 011
Date: November 8, 2014 at 11:43:55 AM EST
To: ewweber@comcast.net

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Please contact MotionX customer support with any comments or questions.

All the best,

The MotionX Team
Yes, please. That'd be good.

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Sent: Sunday, November 9, 2014 6:01:53 PM
Subject: Re: Notes from our walk today

Wow! Nice summary, Eric. Not sure I can add anything to that. Will try to get to making the mapping data easily accessible to everyone in the next week or so.

It was great to see the reality of the location. Thanks again for coming everyone!

Eric

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Summary thoughts from today's walk:

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steep, and building a terrace for the path to run on would eliminate all the trees between Walpole Road and the river - a politically untenable requirement.

- It may be feasible to bridge the river atop the old Brassworks dam, using its abutments as bridge abutments and building a new pier to support the center of the span. Such a bridge could not be connected southward to Walpole Road, but it could be connected to a northward path continuation on a shallow terrace parallel to the west bank of the old millpond for 150-200'. That section of path would need to be raised above the ground in order to get atop the dam abutment without an excessive slope.

- Brassworks owner Herb Berezin wants the greenway path to bring people onto the Brassworks property and would welcome a bridge that did so. Linking the E end of that bridge to the path along South Main Street would require routing the path through or alongside the Brassworks’ two riverside parking lots, a difficult but perhaps doable necessity that Herb is thought to be willing to accommodate.

- About 150-200 feet north of the dam, it would be desirable to cross the west arm of the old millpond (now just a narrow wetland swale) and get onto the firm, dry, level road David Nehring has cleared down the center of the peninsula.

- North of that potential crossing, the hillside west of the old millpond is so steep (and perhaps shallow to bedrock in places) as to preclude building a path on grade without wholesale up- and downslope clearing of trees and other vegetation (much of it invasive and expendable, admittedly). Only by suspending the path above grade for ~1000’ could much of the existing desirable vegetation on the hillside be spared. But the cost of building the path that way would be exorbitant, and the road down the center of the peninsula is already in place and far more appealing, esthetically and cost-wise.

- Funding may be available to remove the center of the Brassworks dam and create a free-flowing river. Doing so would reduce flood elevations for a long way upstream from the dam, perhaps eliminating the frequent springtime roadway flooding on Route 9 in front of the Dietz and Skwira properties. It would probably also reduce the cost of crossing the west arm of the millpond by lowering the water table at that point and narrowing the wetland to be crossed. [Question, though: Does dam removal make sense where other dams — high ones — remain in place downstream?]

- Because the road down the center of the peninsula is the only desirable route for the path between the WMEO property boundary and the wetland crossing just above the Brassworks dam, it will be essential to negotiate practical terms for sharing it with its owners, Susan Fortgang and David Nehring.
- On the WMECO property, a distinct, level and easily improvable road/path is already in place from that property's northernmost corner, where a nearly usable bridge abutment already exists, to the point at the property boundary where it meets the central peninsula road on the Fortgang-Nehring parcel.

- At the northernmost corner of the WMECO parcel on the river, there is an eminently suitable ~1/4-acre area for a riverside park/picnic/sitting area, accessible only via the path. If available for such use, it would be a real draw and destination on the greenway, particularly if it were gracefully linked to the nearby Village Green and the forthcoming new lunch spot across Route 9. It contains the only portion of the riverbank we saw in our walk that is not impenetrably enveloped in invasive plants, and it's right at the bridgehead for the crossing to an existing pullout beside Route 9, with a bridge span of ~125'. Expanding on this idea, it would be extremely desirable to persuade WMECO to cede its entire river frontage to the town for park development and use. And it would reflect very well on WMECO to be able to announce that it had facilitated such a project by gifting the land for it, estimated to be only 2-4 acres in all.

- This didn't come up during the walk, but wouldn't it be great if both WMECO and the Fortgang-Nehrings were willing to give (or if necessary, sell) the town their land between the greenway path and the riverbank, so ALL of it could be cleared of invasives and reclaimed for public use and recreation?

- The more varied and compelling the public interests and benefits associated with the greenway are, the more likely it is to be funded in part or in its entirety. Such public interests may include economic development (at the Brassworks and the Village Green and perhaps elsewhere), public recreation (on the path itself and in the adjacent parkland), control of invasives, improvement of the fishery (through removal of the dam), wildlife habitat conservation and enhancement, promotion of historical awareness through interpretive materials, and…?

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      -- Brassworks area
      -- South Main area
      -- Route 9
      -- other business

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Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2014 4:04 PM
To: Sarah Bankert; Gaby Immerman; Marie Westburg; Charlene L. Nardi; William Sayre; Eric Bloomquist
Subject: Re: Notes from today and the MDI grant

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Hi everyone,

It was great to meet with you all today and talk about the work in Williamsburg. There was a lot of conversation, and it solidified around a common theme of needing to engage in some kind of town-wide planning to better link the various activities/decisions being made and to bring more people into the decision-making process who aren't well represented.

I've attached the notes. The main actions items as I understood them are as follows:

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Best,
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Hi John-
Herb and (son?) Michael came in last night. They are thinking about converting the Brassworks to residential use, perhaps with live/work spaces. He made a special point of saying he was pleased to be cooperating with the Greenway Committee and expected that to continue. I'll keep you posted.
Stay warm

Jim Locke
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Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2014 8:50 PM
To: Jim Locke
Subject: Herb Berezin

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I hope this finds you well.

I heard at the last minute that Herb Berezin was coming to the Planning Board meeting tonight, and would have liked to attend but could not make it. I'm very curious what was on his mind. The Greenway Committee is/will be negotiating with him for the use of Brassworks property for the Greenway, and his future plans for the building will play prominently in those discussions. I know I could wait and look for the minutes of the meeting, but wonder if you are at liberty to tell me about his visit. If you deem this inappropriate, I'll understand.

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Attached is the proposal from Fuss & O'Neill for the proposed traffic engineering on the South Main Street connector for the Mill River Greenway project. To my mind it hits both project scope and cost estimate right on the head. Committee folks, I welcome your thoughts about missing pieces or other comments/concerns.

Charlene -- let's discuss what else needs to be done in terms of best practices for the town expending RTP grant funds to cover this proposal.

Bill T. -- please let me know if this proposal will give us all the information we need to determine next steps in executing the recommendations it generates.

Jim H. -- this cost estimate means there will definitely be plenty of $ available to hire the drill rig for further testing of the regrading project at the trail dismount (aka the goat path).

thanks for your comments ASAP!
gaby

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Date: Mon, Nov 24, 2014 at 9:54 AM
Subject: RE: Haydenville maps
To: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>

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Any other questions, don’t hesitate to contact me.

Have a great holiday time.

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So far so good, Committee is really pleased with the scope and i’m hopeful per Town Administrator we won’t have to get full bids from other firms. Will know more soon.

Meanwhile, the only thing we wish to clarify in your proposal is that we’d like you to include very broad brush cost estimates for the various options you’ll investigate for us in Task 3. Your estimate says ‘relative cost’ but we want to be sure we get some hard numbers (just a range of course, there are so many variables at this point).

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And just to clarify: the town doesn't get money directly, we get a consultant (assigned by MDI) to do the work I describe below.

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Massachusetts Downtown Initiative
DHCD — Attention: Emily Hahn
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December 2, 2014

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I think the letter is great. I particularly like the phrase "possible transfer of the property to our town" ;-) 

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!
John

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From: "Immerman, Gaby" <gimmerma@smith.edu>
To: "Bloomquist, Eric" <eab@me.com>, "Immerman, Gaby" <gimmerma@smith.edu>, "Hyslip, Jim" <hyslip@hyground.com>, "Rogers, Joe" <geojoerogers@yahoo.com>, "Hoogstraten, John" <Jhoog@comcast.net>, "West, Larry" <landlwest3315@yahoo.com>, "Dudek, Mary" <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, "Dines, Nick" <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, "Stinson, Rob" <rjstinson@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2014 1:36:39 PM
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hi eric,
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thanks,
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Hi Susan,

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On my end, I can commit that the Greenway project would be interested in playing a major role (including seeking the funding) in eradication of invasives throughout the target area.

Let me know if you have more questions at this juncture. The Williamsburg greenway committee happens to be meeting tomorrow evening (you are welcome to join us, at 7pm at town hall), I'd love to be able to give the committee a general sense of where you're at, understanding of course that there are many more questions than answers at this phase of the process.

thanks again!
gaby

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: Reid Bertone-Johnson <rbertone@smith.edu>
Date: Wed, Dec 3, 2014 at 1:28 PM
Subject: map
To: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>

Here you go!

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He's on the school committee. He's also trying to put together a local co-working space and eventually a community center.

On Dec 3, 2014, at 9:00 AM, Charles / Mary Dudek <cmdudek@yahoo.com> wrote:

Good letter!
Who is David Chase?

Mary

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

From:“Eric Bloomquist” <eab@me.com>
Date:Tue, Dec 2, 2014 at 5:32 PM
Subject:Thursday eve Greenway meeting reminder / MDI letter of support

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Dear Charlene:

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I am forwarding the completed form to you with a request to present it at the next Selectboard meeting with the objective of submitting the PNF to Mass DOT as a formal first step toward realizing the goal of a Greenway as described in our Feasibility Report and within this PNF.

I have submitted an earlier draft to the Lenox, District 1 Office of Mass DOT and it was favorably reviewed on an informal basis. Our work is entering its third year and our goal is to move on to a Project Initiation phase in the near future.

I would be pleased to represent the Committee at the next meeting if the schedule permits.

Let me know if you have any questions about this request.

Thank you.
Warm regards,
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Dear Barbara,

Attached please find a letter and a map/diagram from the Williamsburg Mill River Greenway Committee providing more details about our proposed use of WMECO property in Haydenville, MA.

We look forward to hearing from you upon completion of your internal review process.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further information you may require. I will also put a hard copy of these two documents in the mail to you, along with our signatures on the permission form you provided for our November 8 walk across the parcel.

many thanks,

gaby immerman
for the Williamsburg Mill River Greenway Committee
Gaby, 

If you would like, you can mention that I would be happy to talk with him further too.

-Jim.

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From: Gaby Immerman [mailto:gimmerma@smith.edu]
Sent: Friday, December 05, 2014 11:13 AM
To: Emmet Anderson; Eric Bloomquist; Gaby Immerman; Jim Hyslip; Joe Rogers; John Hoogstraten; Larry West; Mary & Charles Dudek; Nick Dines; Rob & Judy Stinson
Subject: Rand Wade followup

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Thank you John and Gaby -- looks good to me!

Question: I understand that the survey list in Phase 2 is not meant to be exhaustive, but would an historical / archeological survey be part of that phase? If so, perhaps we should mention it specifically, as the results could positively impact the economic appeal of the Brassworks building, especially tied in with the historical value of the building itself.

Thanks,
Eric

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gaby

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3. I then presented the "request" document and talked them through the thinking behind it. After brief discussion, Peter recommended that we not make this request through the Reuse Committee, but go straight to the selectboard and ask for a town meeting vote to take the funds (the $9800 phase 1 amount) from free cash. His reasoning: the town is awash in free cash at the moment, and a $9800 request would likely sail through as long as it had selectboard approval. It turns out (the Brassworks Reuse Committee and funds are a source of constant discovery for me, like most folks in town) the only funds that the reuse committee can give out by themselves are the small-business loan funds. The other (larger) pot of money is the economic development fund, all of which needs to be disbursed by town meeting vote, with a 2/3 approval needed. His logic also was based on the fact that it might be a hard sell for the $9800 feasibility study to be classified as "economic development"; but if the study were to indicate a preferred option of taking the greenway through the Brassworks property (they did not seem to totally buy my argument that there would be no other feasible option), we could then make a good case before town meeting for the larger amount of "phase 2" funding as being dedicated for the economic development of the Brassworks site.

I understand his logic, but this approach contains some downsides for us: 1. There are no funds available in the immediate future; 2. The timeline for acquiring these funds gets stretched way out, depending on the possibility of there being a special town meeting along the way which we could use to present our request instead of waiting until the next regular town meeting; 3. there is still the possibility that the Reuse committee will fold up at the end of the fiscal year, and we lose their ability to shepherd our request and advocate for the project. I also worry about how patient Herb Berezin will be with all this; I can imagine he will be itching to see some results.

The obvious upside is that all our requests at town meeting would only require a simple majority for approval, not 2/3. Peter also pointed out that even if they disband, the money will not "disappear", it will simply revert to free cash and be available through normal channels.

It seems like the rules, or at least our understanding of them, have changed a bit. There was no talk of the "feeding frenzy" that Jeff had mentioned to me, and the concept of diverting some of their remaining funds to us before disbanding seemed off the table. I feel like I got some very different signals from the two members tonight than I/we had heard from Jeff previously.
Complication: after the holidays, Denise Bannister is going on medical leave for a joint replacement surgery. There will be no SB quorum for several weeks, until either she returns or a new SB member is sworn in after the election Feb.2. So, we can either try to figure this out and hustle off to this Thursday's SB meeting with a request to put phase 1 on the June town meeting warrant, or wait until after the election and do it then, with the advantage of having had some time to discuss our strategy. BTW - the likely new SB member, Bill Sayre, will almost certainly be a big supporter of the Greenway project. I know him well.

If we think we want to go for this week's meeting, we need to talk to Charlene tomorrow and see if we can get on the agenda for Thursday. I'm inclined to wait. Either way, we won't get a vote until June, and the time to discuss (and elect Bill Sayre) might be beneficial.

Sorry for the long email. Thoughts?
John
To: Department heads, Boards, subcommittees and School Dept.
Re: Payroll and voucher submission deadlines – next warrant!!

Good Afternoon,

Although we have just passed the December 17th warrant deadline, I wanted to give you a heads up on the next warrant deadline.

Due to the Christmas holiday, Thursday, December 25th, the Williamsburg Treasurer and Accountant ask that you adhere to the following deadlines for the next warrant:

Treasurer - Payroll is due, Friday, December 19th at 10:00 a.m. if at all possible (however, if you can’t meet that early deadline, please no later than Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.)

Accountant – voucher submissions are due, Tuesday, December 23rd at 9:00 a.m.

Thank you for your cooperation. Happy Holidays.
Charlene

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Hi John,

Thanks for keeping up the binder. I actually post the minutes to the website myself.

Thanks,
Eric

On Dec 10, 2014, at 3:17 PM, jhoog@comcast.net wrote:

Eric,

In a nice stroke of timing, this arrived as I was preparing the minutes for our last meeting. I have been placing our minutes in the committee's binder in town hall; is it still the case that you send them to Brenda for the website?

Thanks,
John
To: All Boards

Re: Approved minutes

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Nick

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Well done, Nick. Thank you.

John

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From: "Nick Dines" <ndines@larp.umass.edu>
To: jhoog@comcast.net, "Emmet Anderson" <emmetlevi411@gmail.com>, "Eric Bloomquist" <eab@me.com>, "Mary Dudek" <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, "Jim Hyslip" <hyslip@hyground.com>, "Gaby Immerman" <gimmerma@smith.edu>, "Joe Rogers" <geojoerogers@yahoo.com>, "Rob Stinson" <rjstinson@comcast.net>, "Larry West" <landwest3315@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 11, 2014 7:55:52 PM
Subject: Re: PNF submittal

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Minutes from the last meeting are attached for review and approval at our next meeting.

Thanks,
John
Hey Everyone,

This is a news update to provide you with some details about activities already approved at the last committee meeting.

I met with Amanda Lewis of the Rec Trails program, and she is comfortable with us submitting a partial budget so we can begin to spend the grant money right away. This will allow us to proceed with the engineering, which we need in order to know what the action steps will be. I've spoken with Charlene and she is ready to go with the town paying out these expenses and submitting for reimbursement.

Today I spoke on the phone with Jim Hyslip (Hyground Engineering), who will oversee the Trail Dismount project, and with Jon Dietrich (Fuss and O'Neill), who will oversee the South Main Connector project. I've asked them both to complete their work in January, if possible, because if we have their guidance in time, we will be able to catch the NEXT Rec Trails grant deadline (Feb 1) to fund the actual work they propose (assuming we will need more than the $35k still available from the current grant).

This means Jim is going ahead with scheduling the drill rig, etc. I will be sure to keep Rand Wade, JM Sorrell, Bill Turner, and Wayne Feiden apprised of our progress.

thanks!

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Thanks.

It just keeps getting more real, doesn't it?

Eric

On Dec 18, 2014, at 2:17 PM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:

FYI for committee records

---------- Forwarded message ----------
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Date: Thu, Dec 18, 2014 at 1:12 PM
Subject: Rail Trail Grant
To: Joyce Muka <JMuka@frcog.org>, Nate <treasurer@burgy.org>
Cc: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>

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Thank you,

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(Redacted)
Another FYI, for committee records.  
I will be sending a regular mail letter to Rand Wade tomorrow as well.

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: JM Sorrell <jmsorrell@jmthejp.com>
Date: Thu, Dec 18, 2014 at 5:31 PM
Subject: Re: greenway update
To: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>

Thanks, Gaby. I always appreciate your transparency and consideration. Please have the street engineers call me anytime at 413-427-4153. As I mentioned, they can park in the strip of land nearest my neighbor but not in front of the shed part of the land. We intend to do some serious gardening there this spring.

It's good to know there will be a drill and I should not be alarmed! I suspect the dog walkers and cross country skiiers will not be too keen on it, but oh well.......

I hope that the last name "Fuss" is a good omen for working on all South Main Street challenges! There are both physical problems (erosion, enlarging cracks) and the traffic issues. Good grading will be essential given the hills.

Hope you are well and enjoying the impending solstice/Christmas and current Chanukah season.

Cheers and peace, JM

J.M. Sorrell
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www.jmthejp.com
Hi JM,

i am just checking in to let you know that the Mill River Greenway Committee has received authorization to begin spending some of our grant funds to conduct engineering work on the rail trail dismount (aka the goatpath) as well as on South Main Street.

We'll be working with two local engineering firms to do these studies. You may see a "drill rig" (mounted on a pickup truck) up on the rail bed, doing something called "geomorphic analysis" so we can figure out how best to improve the grade as you come off the trail and down to South Main Street. (Contractor is Hyground Engineering, Jim Hyslip is the principal and he is a Burgy resident and member of the committee)

When the traffic engineers are doing their work (contractor is Fuss and O'Neill), I hope you'll be willing to speak to them to share your firsthand knowledge of the current problems with traffic on South Main Street.

Let me know if you have any questions -- we hope to get these engineering studies completed in the month of January.

thanks!
gaby

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Gaby, thanks. would you like me to set up a meeting with you and I and wayne for jan?

- Eric, it would be lovely to have you at our Steering Comm meeting; however, I know that Amherst is a particularly far drive for you, so I understand if its not possible. If you'd like to take a look at the possible dates, click on the doodle poll below.

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sarah

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Hi Charlene,

Upon award of the Rec Trails Program Grant in October, I called Ned Huntley of Northampton's Department of Public Works for a recommendation for a firm to provide traffic engineering for the problematic stretch of South Main Street, Haydenville.

Ned gave a strong recommendation for the firm Fuss and O'Neill, with whom he had recently worked on a much more complicated traffic engineering issue in Northampton. He also mentioned the firms of Tighe and Bond and VHB, out of Springfield. However, Ned said that Tighe and Bond's perspective might not be best suited to our project's scale and orientation.

I spoke with Bill Turner at Williamsburg DPW, who did not have any suggestions of other contractors to consider, and was supportive of our working with Fuss and O'Neill.

Wayne Feiden and Ned Huntley both agreed that Fuss and O'Neill's cost estimate of $9,800 was fair and even perhaps intentionally low, a gesture of their support for our project.

Our primary point of contact at Fuss and O'Neill, Jon Dietrich, is a long-time resident of Leeds and was already familiar with, and enthusiastic about, our project.

Please let me know if you would like any further documentation to justify the Mill River Greenway Committee's decision to contract with Fuss and O'Neill for the traffic engineering study of South Main Street, which we anticipate to be completed in January 2015.

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gaby

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Nice letter Gaby!

-Jim.

From: Gaby Immerman [mailto:gimmerma@smith.edu]
Sent: Friday, December 19, 2014 11:34 AM
To: Eric Bloomquist; John Hoogstraten; Jim Hyslip
Subject: letter to Rand Wade

FYI, sent this out today.

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Gaby,

Well done. The tone and content read just right to me. I think we'll all be eagerly awaiting his (we hope) response. I am particularly interested to see if he responds to the last line!

John

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Rand Wade ltr 12-14.docx
Charlene,

The Greenway Committee also is not looking at anything that would involve Cowls property. Thanks for the FYI.

John H.

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Hi Charlene,

Thanks for passing this along. (You are correct that this doesn't affect anything the Greenway is working on.)

Eric

On Dec 29, 2014, at 12:33 PM, Charlene Nardi <townadmin@burgy.org> wrote:

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From: Charlene Nardi [mailto:townadmin@burgry.org]
Sent: Monday, December 29, 2014 12:34 PM
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Subject: Cowls owned property

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Sincerely,

Jacob Macko

Forestry Technician

W.D. Cowls, Inc.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at land@cowls.com.

109 Chesterfield Rd F 410
50 Unquonank Rd F 40.
Dear Charlene:

Thanks for the good news to close out the year. Please proceed to use the information to prepare the PNF as required. Please feel free to contact me if you need help with any part of the narrative or with any technical aspects that may need clarification.

Thanks again for your support in this matter.

Happy New Year,
Nick

On 12/31/14 11:27 AM, Charlene Nardi wrote:

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