

Wilmington Trail Committee
Minutes
July 12, 2012

Present: John Greene, Gary Henry, Crista Gannon, Ann Ottaviano, Ryan Edwards and Diane Chapman (ex, officio).

Friends: Barry Riordan, Sue Spengler and John Clark

Absent: Joan Rech, Mark Haughwout, Joe Arnold, Spencer Crispe and Bob Bishop.

Riverwalk: Members of the Trail Committee reviewed pictures of various bridges that Mr. Reardon presented for our consideration. The two Vermont bridge construction firms that will be bidding on the job are Daniels and Renaud. Mr. Reardon has received a bid from Daniels for the foundation of the bridge and should receive bids on two different bridge styles from Daniels next week. Hopefully he will hear from Renaud before the end of the month. Mr. Reardon stressed the need for a budget and a time line for the bridge. We do not need approval from the Act 250 Administration to proceed with the construction of the bridge.

We do not have approval from Connie Snow from the Brattleboro Land Trust however Mr. John Clark assures us that there should not be a problem. He is one of the property owners on the far side of the river that will be affected by the construction of the bridge. The committee addressed some of his and his neighbors concerns about the construction of a road for equipment to be delivered to the construction site. We referred to Merrill Mundell's map of the area. Mr. Clark volunteered to clear any trees on his property that might be in the way. Mr. Reardon will pay for the bridge and abutments but we will be responsible for all other expenses. Our first expense will be gravel for the road on the far side of the river.

Village Trail: We would like to proceed as soon as possible to construct the trail near the berm but we must wait for the Parking Lot Committee to install a trench for the underground utilities needed for lights for the parking area.

Raponda Ridge Trail: We have the materials to proceed with replacing the bridge destroyed by Irene. John Greene will notify the committee when we should meet to help build the bridge.

Maps: Ryan Edwards and Jason Saltman are finalizing the updates for our new colored maps..

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Ottaviano
Recording secretary