



TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT
**RAIL TRAIL DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

ELIHU THOMSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
22 MONUMENT AVENUE, SWAMPSCOTT, MA 01907

MEMBERS

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RALPH SOUPPA

SEPTEMBER 6, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Location: Swampscott Town Hall, Second Floor Conference Room, 22 Monument Avenue
Members Present: R. Conner, K. Nassar, M. O'Neill, A. Runstadler, R. Souppa
Members Absent: M. Benson, M. Hamilton
Others Present: N/A

Mr. Conner opened the meeting at 7:06pm.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES FROM 05/09/2018

The Committee reviewed a red-lined draft of changes provided by Ms. Nassar and agreed that with the stated revision, the minutes were reflective of the May 9th meeting. With no other questions or comments from the Committee, Mr. Souppa made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Ms. O'Neill, and unanimously agreed to by the Committee.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Conner opened the discussion asking for general comments from the Committee regarding the proposed Rail Trail Plans. Ms. Nassar requested that Stantec be asked if the temporary easements shown on the plans could be standardized where possible. In response, Mr. Souppa suggested that in the National Grid corridor, it could be more efficient to have the temporary easement be the area beyond the permanent easement, but to the full width of the corridor. This would potentially prevent any issues with contractors overstepping the temporary easement, or needing to extend the temporary easement to accommodate contractors in the future. Ms. Nassar also inquired as to how long the temporary easements would be in place, and suggested that abutters who attend the Neighborhood Meetings may be interested in that information. Mr. Souppa also noted that he has heard comments from residents suggesting that the proposed trail is too big and too expensive; Mr. Souppa would like to see the trail be as minimally designed as possible and more nature oriented. Stantec has provided a preliminary design which is more appropriate for a paved

trail. Ms. Runstadler noted that the trail needs to be ADA compliant, and Mr. Conner noted that the trail needs to be wide enough for bikes and pedestrians to pass each other. Ms. Nassar suggested that the Committee determine the minimal width necessary.

The Committee then began reviewing the plans, page by page. The Committee discussed their comments, and Mr. Conner marked the plans to reflect the Committee's feedback, comments, and questions. The Committee discussed several sections of the design at length, including the bridge over Paradise Road, the portion of the path that traverses the parking lot at the junior high school, trail access at Neighborhood Road, and the intersection of the trail at Humphrey Street.

The Committee was unable to finish their discussion due to the late hour, and agreed to meet the following week to complete their discussion.

NEXT MEETING

Mr. Conner will poll Committee Members regarding their availability for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

K. Nassar
Clerk, Rail Trail Design and Construction Advisory Committee