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# TOWN OF BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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## Minutes Sidewalk and Trail Planning Group June 7, 2016

#### Attendees

Ron Pelletier, Roy Wallen, Jay Kramarczyk, Tom Rogers, Cheryl O'Donnell, Alan Rosenberg, Tad Putney.

Meeting started at 7pm.

#### **Review of Charter**

Members reviewed the Charter and determined that there are no suggested changes at this time, but there may be in the future.

#### **TAP Grant Opportunity**

Tad shared with the group information on a recently announced opportunity to apply for sidewalk and trail funding through the NH Department of Transportation. Minimum grant amount is \$400,000 and maximum is \$1,000,000. A minimum town match of 20% is required. In the event the Town wishes to apply for a grant in this round, a Letter of Intent outlining the project must be submitted by July 1<sup>st</sup> at 4pm.

#### Meeting with Other Town Boards/Commissions

Given the tight deadline for the Letter of Intent, there was discussion about getting input from the Conservation Commission and Planning Board at their next meetings (next week) on where additional sidewalks or trails would be desired. Some Group members will be able to attend each meeting.

#### **Brainstorming Ideas**

Members brainstormed various locations for future sidewalks and trails. There was discussion that an overarching long-term goal of being able to ride/run/walk to the Milford Oval to the north and Pepperell to the east/south made sense.

Following extensive discussions, the following project ideas were listed and prioritized as follows:

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- 1.) Mason Road sidewalk from the Grove to Dupaw Gould Road
- 2.) South Main Street sidewalk at Route 130 to rail trail
- 3.) Sidewalk on Quimby Road from Route 13 to connect with rail trail north of Tevya gate (easement needed)
- 4.) Connection between Sunoco and Covered Bridge (maximizing amount using trail and minimizing amount using sidewalk)
- 5.) Connection of current trail at Bohanon Bridge Road and Potanipo rail trail off Oak Hill Road (maximizing amount using trail and minimizing amount using sidewalk)
- 6.) Extend sidewalk on Route 130 to Kecy Road

It was agreed that the grant should include a request to fund pedestrian activated crossing lights at the rail trail on South Main Street.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for 5:45pm on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. The meeting agenda will include:

- Reassessment/confirmation of project priorities based on input from Conservation Commission and Planning Board
- Review of cost estimates for priorities #1 and #2 above
- Decide on recommendation for Selectboard to include in Letter of Intent

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Minutes submitted by Tad Putney.