

May 10th Minutes of Schell Advisory Committee – Fourth meeting at 7pm at Dickinson Library Community Room.

Present Laura Lashway; Judy Wagner; Jon McGowan; Barbara Richardson; and Steve Stoia

Agenda: 1) Review April 12th minutes – motion from Barbara to accept. Unanimously passed; 2) Communications with DOT from Judy – no response as of this meeting; 3) Key engineering and design ideas for grading; 4) Outreach ideas for Crowd Development; 5) Archival Paper; 6) Next Meeting

2) Laura says the design company WSP reps have been on her land measuring. Laura says they took photos from several angles. Committee expressed excitement at this news. Judy asked whether we should get back to the COG. Barbara agreed that we should make a call to Maureen Mulahey at FRCOG, or directly to the DOT. Judy will send a note to FRCOG to tell them that the committee is eager to move forward. The Selectboard will be cc'd laura stated that the surveying team was there before as well.

3) Judy asked for criteria for design discussion. Jon asked that we wait until Jerry is back. Judy shared that she had done a bike trail search online for Massachusetts. She Googled "BiKe Trail bridges in MA." Judy says she got a whole lot of interesting pictures, some ornate and detailed like the Schell Bridge. The range was very interesting. Judy encouraged committee members to look at these examples before we get into structural issues. Examples: Northampton Bike Trail and Blackstone Bridge in the Worcester area.

4) Outreach Allies – How do we recruit allies like: Bob Perry, owner of Gfld Bicycle Store (Craig has agreed to talk to Bob; Bob Emberle, Director of weekly race in Town; Snowmobilers Club(s), It is believed that DCR may close the bridge in the winter. Still to be determined by DCR. Will they ban snowmobiles for weight of machine and noise ? Joanne McGee and the Open Space Committee; the Parks Commission; NATABA joint meeting; Craig Delapena, National Railtrail experts

Judy has publication Economic Impacts of Trails and Greenways, including Health Benefits through Recreation. Judy also referenced Jerry's pamphlet about the revival of the Town through projects like the Schell

5) Jon said that he will see if he has any archival paper that can be given to the Committee

Next Meeting – June 14th, Flag Day. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Steve Stoia, Secretary/Clerk