

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
TOWN OF NEEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS**

**Minutes of Meeting
November 13, 2012**

Present: Mark Gluesing – Chairman, Janet Carter Bernardo, Carol Boulris, Gary Crossen, Reg Foster, Mike Retzky, Paul Siegenthaler, Sam Warner, Lita Young

Town Staff: Patricia Carey – Staff Liaison

Guests: Jerry Wasserman, Chairman, Board of Selectmen
Tom Connors, Proponent of Citizen Petition
Valerie Lin, Proponent of Citizen Petition
Lynda Hughes, Proponent of Citizen Petition
Tad Staley, Bay Colony Rail Trail Association
Kathleen Phelps, Bay Colony Rail Trail Association

The meeting convened at 6:51 PM in Powers Hall at Town Hall

Final Review of Recommendations to Town Meeting:

FY2013-1 Charles River Center South Street Home

No additional discussion

FY2013-2 Greene's Field Project

No additional discussion

FY2013-3 Bay Colony Rail Trail Engineering Study

Mr. Gluesing noted that there were some procedural issues regarding the CPC's original vote on Article 11 at the Special Town Meeting. The CPC had voted to recommend the study to Town Meeting, but added a second vote to withdraw that support in the event that Article 8 passed and a new committee was formed to study the rail trail concept.

Ms. Bernardo made a motion to reconsider the two votes taken on FY2013-3 Bay Colony Rail Trail Engineering Study. The motion was seconded by Mr. Crossen and was passed unanimously. Mr. Gluesing stated that Town Meeting rules did not allow for the withdrawal, so at this point, the CPC would need to present the article, but recommend a No vote. He noted that the CPC had chosen to add the second vote regarding Article 8, as there was a question on whether there would be cost savings if both sections of possible rail trail were studied at the same time, and that a new committee may choose to study the options in a different manner. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Jerry Wasserman joined the committee and stated that the petitioners for Article 8 and the new committee had withdrawn the article, so it would not come before Special Town Meeting. Mr. Gluesing asked the CPC to update its vote on Article 11, to avoid any confusion. **Ms. Young made a motion to recommend passage of Article 11**

to provide \$35,000 from Open Space reserves to the Bay Colony Rail Trail Association for an engineering study of a possible rail trail in Needham. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bernardo and was passed unanimously.

Recess:

Mr. Foster made a motion to recess the meeting at 7:00 PM until Community Preservation projects came before Town Meeting, at which time the Committee would meet at the committee table. Ms. Bernardo seconded the motion and the meeting was recessed until 8:40 PM.

Adjournment: Mr. Retzky made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM. Mr. Siegenthaler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Carey
Staff Liaison