

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

OCTOBER 12, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Maitland, Andrew Magee, Cheryl Lowe, Julia Miles, Mike Eder

CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATOR: Tom Tidman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Tom Tidman

VISITORS: Mary and Tom Michelman

7:05 Mr. Maitland called the meeting to order.

Request for Determination – Bruce Freeman Rail Trail

Tom Michelman reported that the Friends of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (FBFRT) wish to have a work day to clear vegetation along the rail way from Concord Road to Route 2A for the proposed Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT). A similar event was held in Concord several weeks ago with approximately 50 volunteers participating. This portion of the work has been filed as a Request since it only involves clean up and brush clearing. Volunteers will be using hand tools such as loppers and bow saws. Members of the Land Stewardship Committee will also be present should chainsaws be required. They will be working within the wetland buffer zone and riparian zone for Nashoba Brook. Brush and debris will be stacked along the railway right-of-way for future disposal. A town truck will be placed behind the Pedal Power store for the removal of illegally dumped debris.

Upon query by Mr. Eder, Mr. Michelman reported that they will be working within the confines of the existing railway.

Mr. Michelman agreed and understood that a full Notice of Intent filing will be required prior to the actual construction of the BFRT.

Upon query by Ms. Miles, Mr. Michelman agreed that work will be confined to the track ballast area, with no work to occur down the slope towards wetlands.

Upon query by Mr. Eder, Mr. Michelman reported that they will only be working just within the confines of the existing railway bed and not disturbing the area to the sides of the bed that are in the ROW. The filing was amended to note this.

Mr. Magee moved to accept the Request for Determination as submitted.

Ms. Miles 2nd; unanimous.

The Commission will hold a meeting on October 14th at 8:00 AM for informational purposes to the public.

8:05 Meeting adjourned.



Terrence Maitland
Chair

