



TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NORTH HAMPTON SELECT RAIL TRAIL COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 4TH, 2020 7:00 PM

NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL

APPROVED MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Sununu, Joe Manzi, Liam Needham, Jeff Latimer, Tom Argue, Cindy Henry

ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator Michael Tully

- 1.) Town Administrator Michael Tully welcomed the members of the committee and explained that his plan was to have the members select a Chairman and Vice chairman of the Rail Trail Committee, and then proceed.
- 2.) The committee nominated, seconded, and unanimously approved the selection of James Sununu as Chairman and Cindy Henry as Vice Chairman. Subsequently Joe Manzi was nominated seconded and approved unanimously as Secretary.
- 3.) Chairman Sununu presented and reviewed a "Rail Trail Charge" that was prepared by Town Administrator Tully. Chairman Sununu asked if any members had additional thoughts or ideas that should be added to the charge. Joe Manzi asked if there were any financial considerations that the committee would have to consider. Chairman Sununu stated that if the committee came up with any plans for financial issues, they could be brought to the Select Board. Town Administrator said that Scott Bogel of the Rockingham Planning Commission could also assist the committee with those ideas.
- 4.) Chairman Sununu explained that there was a recent meeting of the Seacoast Greenway that gave a good overview of the timeline of the Greenway project. Town Administrator Tully stated that in that meeting there was also a good explanation of some of the economic benefits of the Greenway project. Chairman Sununu said that he believes there is a recording of that meeting available and suggested that it would be a good watch for the North Hampton Rail Trail Committee.
- 5.) Chairman Sununu asked about possibly forming sub committees within the Rail Trail Committee working with the North Hampton School, businesses, abutters, economic plans, trail access, recreational opportunities, and other ideas the committee may have. Tom Argue stated that there is a state contract to help with maintenance and drainage for the trail as the Greenway

project moves forward. Cindy Henry said that she would like to work on the volunteer component drawing on her experience in this area. Cindy Henry also mentioned that she noticed in some other communities' collaboration with the Town Library and thought that could be an important resource as well for North Hampton. Liam Needham explained that he is on the trails frequently and spoke of the limited access points but that the trail does come out to businesses such as the Airfield Café and the Lafayette crossing shopping center, and that the side trails connect to the school. Joe Manzi said that he has been running an after school program where a group of young students hike the trails each week and that he would like to work on getting more members of the town aware of the Trail and the plans for it. Joe Manzi also asked how long the North Hampton portion of the trail was. Chairman Sununu said that it is approximately three miles. Chairman Sununu that in advance of the next meeting ideas for sub committees should be sent to him and he will incorporate into the agenda.

- 6.) Town Administrator Tully carefully explained the rules to the committee regarding quorums. The committee should not be having small group discussions or correspondence outside of the scheduled and official meetings.
- 7.) Michael Tully suggested the first Wednesday of each month for meetings. The group agreed with his plan.

Meeting Adjourned 7:37

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<http://www.townhallstreams.com/towns/northhamptonnh>

Next Scheduled meeting Wednesday December 1st 7pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Manzi, Secretary Rail Trail Committee