

II. Rail Trail Conversion Advisory Committee (RTCAC) Timeline

September 23, 2010

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Project Status September 2010

1. The Preliminary Engineering Assessment by Fay Spofford and Thorndike was posted on the Town website in January, 2007.¹ \$25,000 in funding for this assessment was authorized by Article 43, 2005 Town Meeting.
2. A preliminary title search sufficient to enable both the existing conditions base map and wetlands delineation and also the four-season wildlife study completed by fall 2007.² \$15,000 in funding for the title search was authorized by Article 22, 2007 Town Meeting³; the remainder of \$812.11 was returned at 2010 Town Meeting (Article 38).⁴
3. The four-season wildlife study was posted on the Town Website November 2009.⁵ \$25,000 in funding for this study was authorized by 2007 Town Meeting, Article 23.⁶

4. A contract for an existing conditions base map and wetlands delineation has not been completed. \$105,000 in funding for this contract was authorized by 2007 Town Meeting, Article 24.⁷ The Board of Selectmen awarded the contract to Atlantic Engineering and Survey Consultants for \$39,900 on December 3, 2007.⁸ \$52,685 was expended on this contract prior to 2009 Annual Town Meeting.⁹ As of August 2010, the Town has not accepted the base map (survey); a draft plan, but not a final plan, of wetlands delineation has been filed with Conservation Commission, and the contractor has not requested an NRAD.¹⁰ CPC funding authorization for Article 24, 2007 Town Meeting expired at the end of fiscal year 2010 (June 30, 2010).
5. \$25,000 in funding from the existing conditions base map was reallocated to support Town Staff in formulating a concept plan for the rail trail by 2009 Town meeting, Article 27.¹¹ Town staff, awaiting completion of the existing conditions base map and wetlands delineation, has not embarked on the concept plan.¹² None of these funds had been expended prior to their expiration at the end of fiscal year 2010.
6. Purchase of the CSX right of way in South Sudbury was not completed by August 2010.¹³

Issues To Investigate

Selectman Drobinski identified the following issues (bulleted items) at the April, 2005 Town Meeting specifically for the Committee to investigate:¹⁴

• **Cost to maintain the trail: This is a maintenance nightmare and needs to be understood.**

Status: No line items are available from other towns delineating their maintenance costs. RTCAC has made no further attempts to estimate potential trail maintenance costs.

• **Security for abutters: It's important that the abutters to the Rail Trail feel they are secure. The history of the Rail Trail in Weston is known where people were afraid the hordes from the inner city would come and steal the silverware from their tables; let's make sure that's not going to happen.**

Status:

- 1) RTCAC was given responsibility for all public safety issues concerning the proposed trail. July, 2005.¹⁵
- 2) RTCAC sent a letter to Sudbury public safety officials listing contact information in other towns with rail trails. February, 2006¹⁶
- 3) RTCAC sent a list of questions to Sudbury public safety officials and posted the responses on the town website. April, 2007¹⁷

- 4) Members of RTCAC meet with the Sudbury Agricultural Commission concerning abutting farmers' concerns.¹⁸
- 5) RTCAC has made no systematic attempt to respond to specific public safety concerns raised by abutters.¹⁹
- 6) RTCAC has recommended that both the Board of Selectmen and the RTCAC listen to the concerns of all abutters before and during the 25% design phase of the BFRT.²⁰

• **Motorized vehicles: Do they really want motorized vehicles on the Rail Trail?**
Probably not, but that's up to the feasibility study.

Status:

Motorized vehicles, aside from wheelchairs and public safety vehicles, will not be permitted on the trail.

• **Privacy for the abutters: They're sensitive to abutter's issues and someone who lives on a major road in town knows that activity in your front yard is something that is not wanted: privacy should be provided as much as possible.**

Status:

- 1) FS&T indicates that abutters typically request mitigation (fencing or landscaping) during the public outreach that occurs during the design phase. Wood-rail fencing is proposed to control unwanted access.²¹
- 2) FS&T indicates that unwanted trespassing and parking is typically addressed by signage.²²

• **Consistency with the Town of Sudbury's Character: If this Rail Trail is built it should fit into the character of the community and something the community wants.**

Status: RTCAC has not addressed this issue.

• **Environmental Concerns: Are they doing the right thing by the environment? This is something that has to be looked at very carefully.**

Status:

- 1) FS&T discusses environmental impacts specified by state and federal legislation in the feasibility study.²³
- 2) RTCAC proposed a four-season wildlife study to determine use of the corridor.²⁴
- 3) The Board of Selectmen reinstated wetlands delineation as part of the field survey of the corridor.²⁵
- 4) RTCAC sent an invitation to discuss questions and issues with Town Boards and Committees.²⁶ The Conservation Commission has responded to this outreach with a list of specific concerns.²⁷
- 5) The completed four-season wildlife study was posted by the Town on November 23, 2009.²⁸ The Executive Summary states, "The proposed Bruce Freeman Rail Trail would transect a number of significant wildlife habitat areas in Sudbury."
- 6) The wetlands delineation was not completed at the end of FY10 when funding authorization for the field survey expired (Article 24, 2007 Town Meeting).

No NRAD was requested of Conservation Commission.²⁹

History of Sudbury Rail Trail Proposal

1979 – EOT decided to purchase phase II right of way after suspending subsidy of rail service.³⁰

1982 – All service on the line ceased in April. Line officially abandoned: EOT purchased the phase II right of way extending into Sudbury. EOT indicated it was willing to discuss the future of the Corridor with the Town.

1987 – The Lowell-Sudbury Bicycle Path Feasibility Study was completed in October by CTPS, MAPC, and the Northern Middlesex Area Commission.³¹

1988 – The Sudbury Board of Selectmen appointed the Bike Trail Committee to study conversion of the Lowell-Framingham right of way.³²

1997 – Article 50 was adopted at Sudbury Annual Town Meeting, supporting development of a bicycle and pedestrian trail known as the Wayside trail, part of the proposed Mass Central Trail, on the MBTA right of way.³³

2003 – CTPS issued an update to the 1987 study above pertaining to current (2003) traffic volumes and crash incidents on roadways intersecting the Lowell Framingham right of way in Concord and Sudbury.³⁴

The Board of Selectmen dissolved the Bike Trail Committee created in 1988.³⁵

2004 – Sudbury Board of Selectmen voted to establish the Rail Trail Conversion Advisory Committee (RTCAC) for the Town of Sudbury on September 7.³⁶

The Sudbury Board of Selectmen appointed the members of the RTCAC November 4.³⁷

The Town Manager requested a \$25,000 grant from the Community Preservation Committee to undertake a conversion feasibility study for the phase 2 portion of the ROW in Sudbury.³⁸

General History of the Committee

RTCAC--2005

2005 – RTCAC first officially met on March 3, 2005.³⁹

At large:

Patricia A. Brown, 34 Whispering Pine Road
Madeleine R. Gelsinon, 520 Concord Road
(F) Robert D. Hall, 30 Possum Lane
(F) Jennifer K. Pincus, 25 Blueberry Hill Lane
(F) Nancy Powers, 201 Union Avenue
Bryan S. Semple, 15 Revere Road
Allan L. Wallack, 67 Thompson Drive
(F) Richard C. Williamson, 21 Pendleton Road
Carole R. Wolfe, 637 Concord Road

(F) indicates a member of the Friends of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail advocacy group.⁴⁰

Board/Staff members:

Bridget Hanson, Conservation Commission member
Gregory W. Hunt, Park & Recreation Commission member
Eric D. Poch, Planning Board member
Deborah Dineen, Conservation Coordinator
Dennis Mannone, Park & Recreation Director
I. William (Bill) Place, Director of Public Works/Town Engineer

2005 – (February) Allan Wallack resigned from the RTCAC.⁴¹

2005 -- (March) RTCAC elected Dick Williamson and Carole Wolfe as co-chairs. Minutes were collected by a scribe selected for each meeting.⁴²

2005 -- (March) RTCAC composed and revised FAQ for posting to the town website.

2005 – (April) Article 43 passed at Sudbury Town Meeting. This article authorized the use of funds not to exceed \$25,000 from Community Preservation Act revenues for purposes of conducting a feasibility study along the former Penn Central right-of-way from the Union Avenue entrance to Chiswick Park to the Concord Town Line.⁴³

2005 – (April, cont.) Brian Semple resigned from the RTCAC. Carole Wolfe resigned as co-chair and Pat Brown was elected co-chair on April 14, 2005.⁴⁴

2005 – (May) Board of Selectmen placed Conservation Coordinator Debbie Dineen as “ex officio” member (that is, non-voting) on RTCAC and appointed two new members.⁴⁵

(F) Betty Foley, 807 Boston Post Road
Sigrid Pickering, 623 Peakham Road

Not recorded in RTCAC or BOS minutes Greg Hunt was officially dropped from the list of RTCAC members counted toward a quorum because he had not attended any meetings since March 3, 2005. No alternate representation from Park & Recreation was supplied, despite repeated requests by RTCAC.

2005 – (July) The Board of Selectmen designated the RTCAC as the clearing point for public safety issues and concerns about the proposed trail. ⁴⁶

2005 – (Summer/Fall) Rail trail neighbors' survey distributed and analyzed by RTCAC. ⁴⁷

2005 – (August) – Bob Hall accepted the position of scribe for RTCAC minutes. RTCAC created the Public Safety Subcommittee, consisting of Dick Williamson, Carole Wolfe and Madeleine Gelson, and the Conservation Subcommittee, consisting of Bridget Hanson, Carole Wolfe and Sigrid Pickering. ⁴⁸

2005—(November) Bridget Hanson resigned from Conservation Commission, but remained on RTCAC as liaison between ConComm and RTCAC. ⁴⁹

2005 – Speakers

June – Michelle Ciccolo (assistant manager for the Town of Hudson), assisted by Nick Rubino (senior project director from the engineering firm EarthTech), discussed the process by which the Assabet River Rail Trail in Hudson had proceeded. ⁵⁰

July – Jen Shemowat (project engineer) and John Hendrickson (project manager) from the engineering firm Fay, Spofford, and Thorndike discussed the preliminary engineering assessment they performed for the Town of Concord, and their general experience of rail trail design. ⁵¹

August – Nick Rubino (senior project engineer for EarthTech) discussed what Sudbury could expect from a preliminary engineering assessment (feasibility study) and how to obtain the maximum benefit. ⁵²

November – Craig Della Penna (rail trail advocate and former Regional Director of the Rails-To-Trails Conservancy) discussed rail trail projects across the state, including a discussion of alternative trail surfaces. ⁵³

RTCAC--2006

2006 (January) – RTCAC submitted technical input for an RFP for the feasibility study funded by 2005 Town Meeting to the Board of Selectmen. ⁵⁴

2006 (February) – RTCAC sent a letter to Sudbury public safety officials, providing contact information in communities with rail trails. ⁵⁵

2006 (March/April) – The twelve-member evaluation team for the RFP, formed from RTCAC members, read six proposals returned in response to the RFP. Three firms were selected for further interviews, and the team issued a recommendation to the Town Manager that the Town accept the proposal from the firm of Fay, Spofford, and Thorndike (FST). ⁵⁶

2006(June)—RTCAC “hosted” the design charrette in Town Hall on June 15 in which FST solicited community input on the proposed trail. ⁵⁷

2006(July)—RTCAC sent a list of questions to Sudbury public safety officials concerning the proposed trail. ⁵⁸

2006(July)—Dick Williamson resigned as co-chair of RTCAC; Pat Brown continued as acting chair. ⁵⁹

2006(September)—RTCAC held informational meeting for interested Sudbury residents, which included a discussion of the location of the ROW, process for converting the ROW, results of the trail neighbors' survey of 2005, including a correction of erroneously published results, and a summary of trail studies. ⁶⁰

2006(September) –RTCAC reviewed the first draft of the FST preliminary engineering assessment. ⁶¹

2006(September) –RTCAC submitted three proposals to the Board of Selectmen for consideration for CPC funding at 2007 Town Meeting. (MR22) These proposals appeared as articles 22, 23, and 24 in the 2007 Town Meeting Warrant. ⁶²

2006(October)—RTCAC elected Pat Brown chair and Bob Hall scribe for the ensuing year. ⁶³

2006(October/November)—RTCAC reviewed the penultimate draft of FST preliminary engineering assessment. ⁶⁴ FS&T presented its findings to the Town in a public meeting November 16, 2006.

2006(December)—FST submitted the final document detailing its findings to the Town ⁶⁵. RTCAC sent an open letter to the Conservation Commission, the Historical Commission, the Park & Recreation Commission and the Planning Board, offering to respond to questions or to meet with these bodies. ⁶⁶

2006 –Speakers

December -- Colleen Abrams, president of the Wachusett Greenways Association, and Ed Yaglou, Chairman of the Mass Central Rail Trail Task Force, presented their experiences with the design, construction and maintenance of an unpaved rail trail. ⁶⁷

RTCAC--2007

2007—(February) Bridget Hanson resigned as RTCAC liaison to Conservation Commission, and was retained by the Board of Selectmen as an “at large” member of RTCAC. ⁶⁸

2007—(March) The Board of Selectmen accepted Sigrid Pickering’s resignation. The Board appointed Rebecca Corkin as Conservation Commission representative on the RTCAC.⁶⁹

2007(April) – Articles 22, 23, and 24, requesting CPC funding for a title search, a four-season wildlife study, and a field survey with wetland delineation totaling \$145,000 passed by Town Meeting.⁷⁰

2007(May) – The Board of Selectmen refocused the RTCAC on the collection of factual information concerning rail trail implementations in other towns as well as the history and status of the prospective Bruce Freeman Rail Trail in all eight towns along the ROW.⁷¹

2007(June) – The Board of Selectmen placed all Town Staff serving on the RTCAC on “ex officio” status, and again requested a representative to RTCAC from the Park & Rec commission. The RTCAC Public Safety Subcommittee considered its work finished, and was dissolved.⁷²

2007(August) – The Board of Selectmen accepted Rebecca Corkin’s resignation as Conservation Commission representative and appointed Chris McClure as Conservation Commission representative on the RTCAC. The Conservation Subcommittee of RTCAC therefore consisted of Bridget Hanson, Chris McClure, and Carole Wolfe. The Business and Agricultural Subcommittee was formed, consisting of Betty Foley, Madeleine Gelsinon, Eric Poch and Dick Williamson.⁷³

2007(October) -- RTCAC presentation of first installment of project notebook (October 23, 2007)⁷⁴

RTCAC--2008

2008(January) –Madeleine Gelsinon, as liaison to the Sudbury Agricultural Commission, began to collect input from Sudbury’s farmers for the Notebook.⁷⁵

2008(April) – Article 32 appropriating CPC funding not to exceed \$420,000 to purchase the CSX corridor in Sudbury unanimously voted by Town Meeting.⁷⁶

2008(May) – Second installment of the Notebook presented to the Board of Selectmen.⁷⁷

2008(June) – RTCAC requested a clarification of priorities from the Board of Selectmen⁷⁸, and invited Selectman Drobinski (liaison from the Board of Selectmen) to attend a RTCAC meeting to understand the Committee’s questions and concerns.⁷⁹

2008(September) – Chris McClure resigned from Conservation Commission, and therefore from RTCAC.⁸⁰

2008(October) – Third installment of the Notebook presented to the Board of Selectmen.⁸¹ RTCAC presented four specific recommendations to the Board.⁸² Dennis Mannone previously resigned from his position as Director from Park and Recreation (and therefore from RTCAC); there remained no representative from Park and Recreation on the Committee. The Board of Selectmen did not nominate a replacement from either Park and Recreation or Conservation Commission, nor did they anticipate doing so.⁸³ Town Planner Jody Kablack, Director of Public Works Bill Place, and Conservation Coordinator Debbie Dineen were asked to review the Notebook and other relevant materials and assess the next steps. The Board of Selectmen anticipated making a decision related to the trail proposal in December 2009.⁸⁴

RTCAC—2009

2009(January) – The Town Planner, Director of Public Works, and Conservation Coordinator met with RTCAC to clarify the role of Town Staff in creating the concept plan. RTCAC approved two additional recommendations for the Board of Selectmen and posted these online.⁸⁵

2009(May) – Article 27 (amending Article 24 of 2007 Town Meeting) to utilize CPC funding not to exceed \$25,000 from the 2007 article to allow Town Staff to create a concept plan for the rail corridor in Sudbury was approved by Town Meeting.⁸⁶

2009(June) – The Board of Selectmen revised RTCAC membership not to include representation from Town Boards and Committees, but rather to consist only of members at large.⁸⁷

2009(November) – The Planning and Community Development Office posted the completed Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Four Season Wildlife Habitat Evaluation to the Town website.⁸⁸

RTCAC--2010

2010(April) – RTCAC supported (although not unanimously) Article 42, a citizen's resolution to investigate alternate trails/bypasses for the trail, which was affirmed by the Board of Selectmen and approved by Town Meeting.⁸⁹

2010(May) – Selectman Haarde replaced Selectman Drobinski as liaison from the Board of Selectmen to RTCAC.⁹⁰

Preliminary Engineering Assessment (2006)

Abstracted from Selectman Drobinski's presentation to Town Meeting in April 2005⁹¹:

The Study's Goals are comprised of the following:

- Provide a detailed description of the physical right-of-way
 - 1) What does it look like?
 - 2) What's out there now?
 - 3) What are the obstacles?
- Identify connections, easements and encroachments
 - 1) Have other abutters encroached on the railway?
 - 2) What are the easement issues?
- Identify bridges, culverts, wetlands and other environmental concerns
 - 1) Are the bridges in good shape?
 - 2) Are the bridges not in good shape?
 - 3) Do we have problems with wetlands?
 - 4) Do we have problems with other environmental concerns; critical habitat and vernal pools; things like that?
- Identify roadway volumes including traffic volumes
 - 1) The key issue about all Rail Trails is the road crossings.
 - 2) Is the required appropriate safety in place?
- Analyze existing physical conditions
 - 1) What's physically out there in the field?
 - 2) What does it look like?
 - 3) What is the cost to go forward?
- Identify facilities and amenities needed
 - 1) How are we going to provide public safety and access?
- Identify and discuss potential entry points and destinations
 - 1) What's the impact on neighborhoods?
 - 2) What's the impact on traffic?
 - 3) Where are the ideal places for parking? Some of the places could be near Mr. Mullen's Sudbury Lumber and areas similar to that; think about what's appropriate.
- Describe alternative surface treatments
 - 1) Is it the surface going to be gravel, paved? They've not made up their mind at all; this is a feasibility study.
 - 2) What really works for the best interest of the community?
- Provide preliminary construction, maintenance and policing costs; these costs are important to the community;
 - 1) What will the impact of this type of construction be on the community both long term and short term?

2006 (March/April) – The twelve-member evaluation team for the RFP, formed from RTCAC members, read six proposals returned in response to the RFP. Three firms were selected for further interviews, and the team issued a recommendation to the Town Manager that the Town accept the proposal from the firm of Fay, Spofford, and Thorndike (FST).⁹²

Note: Starting in May of 2006, Jen Shemowat of FS&T attended each RTCAC meeting until (and including) the December 2006 meeting.

2006(May) – A subset of RTCAC members walked the phase2 rail bed in two segments, one on May 23 and the other on May 25 at 5 pm. FST and other Town Staff did not attend.

2006(June)—FST representatives walked the rail line with Town Staff on June 5.

2006(June)—Fay Spofford and Thorndike held a design charrette at the Lower Town Hall to present basic information to interested citizens of Sudbury and solicit public input.⁹³

2006(September) –RTCAC reviewed the first draft of the FST preliminary engineering assessment document.⁹⁴

2006(September) –RTCAC submitted three proposals to the Board of Selectmen for consideration for CPC funding at 2007 Town Meeting.⁹⁵ These proposals appeared as articles 22, 23, and 24 in the 2007 Town Meeting Warrant.⁹⁶

2006(October/November)—RTCAC reviewed the penultimate draft of FST preliminary engineering feasibility study.⁹⁷

NOTE: No other Town board or Committee reviewed this document; only input from Town Staff and RTCAC was accepted.

2006(November) -- FS&T presented its findings to the Board of Selectmen on November 9, 2007⁹⁸, and to the Town in a public meeting on November 16, 2007.

2006(December)—FST presented the final document detailing its findings to the Town⁹⁹

Additional Activities

The Sudbury Rail Trail Conversion Advisory Committee has met regularly, generally once a month, from March of 2005 until 2009. Following the appointment of Town Staff to devise a concept plan the Committee has met less frequently. Dates and minutes of these meetings are posted on the town website.¹⁰⁰ FS&T representatives were present at RTCAC meetings from May 2006 till December 2006 (see above).

Starred (*) items below indicate boards receiving the December 2006 letter from RTCAC.

Meetings with other boards and committees:

Agricultural Commission—

Discussion of concerns and questions at the AgComm meeting of June 21, 2007¹⁰¹

Agricultural Commission met with the Board of Selectmen to discuss concerns with the proposed trail specific to farmers¹⁰²

RTCAC created the Commercial/Agricultural subcommittee to identify and address the concerns of local businesses and farmers (July 2007). The subcommittee consists of Madeleine Gelson, Betty Foley, Eric Poch, and Dick Williamson.¹⁰³

The Sudbury Agricultural Commission invited the RTCAC Commercial/Agricultural subcommittee to the December 5, 2007 AgCom meeting to discuss the concerns of local farmers. Following this meeting, Madeleine Gelson continued as liaison between AgCom and RTCAC, interviewing individual farmers about their specific questions concerning the effects of a rail trail on their farms.¹⁰⁴

Board of Appeals (Zoning) – no meetings.

Board of Selectmen—

RTCAC presentation of draft RFP input for the preliminary engineering assessment (February 28, 2006)¹⁰⁵

RTCAC presentation of requests for funding at 2007 Town Meeting (October 3, 2006)¹⁰⁶

RTCAC received new focus following 2007 Town Meeting (May 8, 2007)¹⁰⁷

RTCAC membership issues (June 5, 2007)¹⁰⁸

RTCAC presentation of first installment of project notebook (October 23, 2007)¹⁰⁹

RTCAC presentation of the second installment of the project notebook (May 13, 2008)
At this meeting RTCAC requested a final report concerning the title search for the ROW; Town Manager Valente undertook to request the final report from Town Counsel.¹¹⁰

RTCAC requested clarification of the Committee's assignment from the Board of Selectmen¹¹¹

RTCAC presentation of the third installment of the project notebook (October 28, 2008)¹¹²

Community Preservation Committee

Town Manager Valente presented the Selectmen's request for CPC funding for the title search, wildlife study, and field survey at 2007 Town Meeting to the CPC on December 6, 2007, with RTCAC in attendance.¹¹³

Town Planner Jody Kablack presented the Town Manager's request that CPC funding allocated but not yet spent for the purposes of Article 24 (field survey and wetlands delineation) from 2007 Town Meeting be re-allocated to allow Town Staff flexibility in visioning the trail.¹¹⁴

Conservation Commission *—

Overview of conservation issues at ConComm meeting June 6, 2005¹¹⁵

Follow-up with Conservation Coordinator by RTCAC Conservation Subcommittee Summer 2005¹¹⁶

Discussion of ConComm concerns about FS&T study at ConComm meeting February 5, 2007¹¹⁷

NOTE: No input on the wildlife study (article 23) was obtained from Conservation Commission prior to 2007 Town Meeting.

RTCAC Conservation Subcommittee was unable to convene to offer input on the draft Wildlife Study RFP; Bridge Hanson offered individual input. (Summer 2007, unpublished e-mail)

Finance Committee –

FinComm requested that the Town Manager present the 2007 CPC requests. Article 22 (title search) passed 5-2. Articles 23 (wildlife survey) and 24 (field survey) received no recommendation based on a tie vote. March 19, 2007.¹¹⁸

FinComm re-voted these requests for CPC funding on April 9, 2007, immediately preceding Town Meeting. Articles 22, 23 and 24 failed this reconsideration.¹¹⁹

Historical Commission* – no meetings

Park & Recreation Commission* – no meetings

Planning Board* – no meetings

Sudbury Centre Improvement Advisory Committee – no meetings.

NOTE: SCIAAC specifically declined to meet with RTCAC in the summer of 2007 and recommended that RTCAC follow the Village Green proposal with the Board of Appeals (unpublished e-mail.)

Sudbury Public Safety (Police and Fire) –

RTCAC co-chairs Brown and Williamson met with Police Chief Fadgen, Fire Chief MacLean and Town Manager Valente on July 20, 2005, determining the role of RTCAC as the clearing point for Public Safety questions concerning the proposed trail. (unposted notes)

NOTE: Sudbury Public officials have been present at public meetings (June 15, 2006, design charrette, September 14, 2006, RTCAC presentation, and November 16, 2006 FST presentation) but have not met with RTCAC.

Evaluation Team for the preliminary engineering assessment proposals

Twelve members of the RTCAC volunteered to serve on the evaluation team for the proposals: Pat Brown, Madeleine Gelson, Bob Hall, Bridget Hanson, Dennis Mannone, Sigrid Pickering, Jennifer Pincus, Bill Place, Eric Poch, Nancy Powers and Dick Williamson

Six proposals were received in response to the RFP for the preliminary engineering feasibility study. These members were given those proposals on April 7, 2006, to evaluate.

At the preliminary evaluation meeting on April 10, 2006 (unposted minutes) three vendors were selected for further consideration. (Carole Wolfe was absent).

After the follow-up evaluation meeting on April 24, 2006, the team interviewed the three vendors. Fay Spofford and Thorndike was selected as the preferred vendor and the recommendation was conveyed to the Board of Selectmen.¹²⁰ Sigrid Pickering and Carole Wolfe were absent.

Public Outreach (RTCAC)

All Committee meetings are open to the public, generally including an opportunity for public comment before and after each meeting. Comments are summarized in the minutes. The agendas and the minutes are available on the Town website.

Committee-approved documents (e.g., the study by Fay, Spofford and Thorndike) are available on the Town website and also in the reference section of the Goodnow Library.

The RTCAC hosted the FST design charrette on June 15, 2006, although this required no more than the Committee's presence.¹²¹

The RTCAC conducted the Trail Neighbors' Survey (Summer 2005) and presented the results to the Town at a public meeting on September 14, 2006.¹²²

Other Trail-Related Activities by the Town of Sudbury

General

2008(April) – Article 32 requesting CPC funding to purchase the CSX portion of the ROW approved unanimously by Town Meeting.¹²³

2008 (May)– The Town of Sudbury presented a request for \$11,351,630 for the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail as its first priority at Municipal TIP day on May 1.¹²⁴

2008(October) – The Board of Selectmen designated Town Planner Jody Kablack, Conservation Coordinator Debbie Dineen, and Director of Public Works Bill Place as a team to evaluate the Notebook and consider next steps for the trail.¹²⁵

2008-2009 -- The purchase of the CSX ROW using funds approved under Article 32 of 2008 Sudbury Town Meeting did not occur. A proposal by the Town of Sudbury to request CPC funds for this purpose at 2009 Town Meeting was withdrawn.¹²⁶

2009(May) – Article 27 (amending Article 24 of 2007 Sudbury Annual Town Meeting) to utilize funds from that article, not to exceed \$25,000, to be used for the creation of a concept plan for the rail corridor was approved by Town Meeting.¹²⁷

The Town of Sudbury did not present any transportation projects for funding at Municipal TIP day (although projects had been submitted for consideration in written form earlier in the year).¹²⁸

2010(April) – Article 36 permitting the use of CPC unrestricted reserves (the 2008 article approved bonding) for the purchase of the CSX ROW was approved. Article 42, a citizen's resolution to investigate alternate trails/bypasses for the trail, was affirmed by the Board of Selectmen and approved by Town Meeting.¹²⁹

Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Coordinating Committee

The BFRTCC was convened by Lawrence Cash of MassHighway, project engineer for the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, to coordinate trail related developments in the towns along the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail. Sudbury Director of Public Works Bill Place serves as the Town's representative to these meetings. RTCAC members have also attended several of these meetings.

2007 (October) – Mass Highway segmented the “phase 2” Bruce Freeman Rail Trail into sections 2A (Acton, Carlisle, and Westford), 2B (Route 2 crossing, to be addressed as part of the Route 2 redesign of the Concord Rotary), 2C (Concord) and 2D (Sudbury from the Concord border to the MBTA crossing.). The individual sections will proceed separately.¹³⁰

2008(January) -- Mr. Cash clarified that BFRTCC meetings are opened to the public. Bill Place was not present; Pat Brown reported status of the CPC articles in Sudbury, mentioning the CPC request to acquire the CSX ROW in south Sudbury at 2008 Town Meeting.¹³¹

2008(May) – Mr. Cash created a subcommittee to discuss uniformity of features along the length of the trail. (See Uniformity Committee below.) Bill Place reported that Sudbury should have title to the CSX ROW in south Sudbury by November 2008. He anticipated that the Wildlife study should also be completed by November, with the centerline survey and the wetlands delineation completed by the end of June 2008, and the 25% design on phase 2D completed by November 2009.¹³²

2008(September) – Bill Place reported that Sudbury should have title to the CSX ROW in south Sudbury by June 2009, the Wildlife study will be reported to the Board of Selectmen in December 2008, and the centerline survey and wetlands delineation was 90% complete.¹³³

2009(February) – Jody Kablack reported that Sudbury had not acquired the CSX ROW, and would not request CPC funding for this project at 2009 Town Meeting. Concept planning would continue, and contain a public component. Design funds would not be requested at 2009 Town Meeting.¹³⁴

2009(September) – Chairman Lawrence Cash introduced David Shedd, the new chairman of the Coordinating Committee. Bill Place reported that Sudbury Town Staff was reviewing the wildlife study and would create a trail concept plan; he anticipated public hearings in Sudbury in 2010 after the concept plan was completed. Negotiations with CSX for the ROW in South Sudbury were continuing.¹³⁵

Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Uniformity Committee

Lawrence Cash of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Coordinating Committee (see above) designated Tom Michelman of the Friends of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail as chair of the ad-hoc subcommittee (the Uniformity Committee) to unify standards of behavior and design along phases 1, 2 (2A, 2B, 2C and 2D), and 3 of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail in May of 2008. The product will be a set of guidelines to be approved by the Board of Selectmen or the City Counselors of each municipality along the trail.¹³⁶

2008(September) – Director of Public Works Bill Place and Town Planner Jody Kablack from Sudbury attended the initial meeting of the Uniformity Committee meeting in Acton.

2008(October) – Bill Place held the Uniformity Committee meeting in Sudbury. Jody Kablack and Conservation Coordinator Debbie Dineen also attended from Sudbury.¹³⁷

2009(June) – Town Planner Jody Kablack suspended membership by the Town of Sudbury in the Uniformity Committee.¹³⁸

¹ <http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=3097>
<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=3098>

² http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/4633/BoardOfSelectmen_2008-10-28_Minutes.pdf
http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/4869/RailTrail_2009-01-22_Minutes.pdf

³ <http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/3256/2007ATMWarrantFINAL.pdf>

⁴ <http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/5491/2010ATMWarrantFinal3-15-10.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=5285>

⁶ <http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/3256/2007ATMWarrantFINAL.pdf>

⁷ <http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/3256/2007ATMWarrantFINAL.pdf>

⁸ December 3, 2007 minutes of the Board of Selectmen (unposted).

⁹ <http://www.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/4605/RailTrailConceptPlan.pdf>

¹⁰ Conversation with Conservation Coordinator, described in e-mail to RTCAC July 8, 2010.

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¹² http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/5573/RailTrail_2010-03-25_Minutes.pdf

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¹⁴ The complete transcript of the 2005 Sudbury Town Meeting, dated 9/12/2006. <http://www.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/2876/ProceedingsComplete2005.pdf> pages 183-195.

¹⁵ Meeting of Town Manager Valente, Fire Chief Kenneth MacLean, Police Chief Peter Fadgen, and RTCAC co-chairs Dick Williamson and Pat Brown, summarized in e-mail dated July 24, 2005.

¹⁶ Minutes, RTCAC, February 9, 2006

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=2503>

¹⁷ Responses from Sudbury Public Safety officials posted April, 2007, to the Town website.

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/3584/FireChiefRespondstoQuestionsRelatedtoPublicSafety.pdf>

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/3583/PoliceChiefRespondstoQuestionsRelatedtoPublicSafety.pdf>

¹⁸ Non-posted notes from Agricultural Commission meeting of June 21, 2007.

¹⁹ Non-posted e-mail attachment from Jim Nigrelli to Sudbury Police and Fire from July, 2005. Non-posted e-mail from the Town Manager and Town Planner March 29, 2007, requesting update for CPC funding requests.

²⁰ Action Recommendation #1.

http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/4530/Recommendations_January_22_2009.pdf

²¹ Preliminary Engineering Assessment for Phase 2 of the BFRT in Sudbury submitted by FST to the Town in 2006. Mitigation is discussed in section 14, with cost estimates in section 16.

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/3097/BFRTFinalAssessment.pdf>

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/3098/BFRTAppendices.pdf>

²² Section 14, Mitigation, in the reference above indicates that signage is used to deter unwanted behavior.

²³ Sections 4, 5, 6, and 7 of the FS&T Preliminary Engineering Assessment discuss Environmental Resources, Stormwater Management, Environmental Permitting, and Contamination issues, respectively.

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/3097/BFRTFinalAssessment.pdf>
<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/3098/BFRTAppendices.pdf>

²⁴ 2007 Sudbury Town Meeting Warrant, page 21, Article 23
<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/3256/2007ATMWarrantFINAL.pdf>
Minutes, RTCAC, September 21, 2006
<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=3021>

²⁵ 2007 Sudbury Town Meeting Warrant, page 22, Article 24
<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/3256/2007ATMWarrantFINAL.pdf>
Minutes, RTCAC, September 21, 2006
<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=3021>

²⁶ Minutes, RTCAC, December 14, 2006
<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=3117>

²⁷ Minutes, Sudbury Conservation Commission, February 5, 2007
<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=3338>

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<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/5285/FinalWildlifeStudy.pdf>
Announcement of study:
http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/committees/news_story.asp?id=2736

²⁹ Conversation with Conservation Coordinator, described in e-mail to RTCAC July 8, 2010.

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<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/3097/BFRTFinalAssessment.pdf>
(downloaded May 28, 2007)

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Highway Dept.; and supporting a commitment to assume responsibility for maintaining and policing the section of the trail within Town borders.

³⁴ Section 3 “Proposed Concord-Sudbury Bikeway,” CTPS memorandum to MAGIC files from McShane, Rev. 27 February 2004” from the MAGIC Subregional Area Study Phase II report from May, 2004.

<http://www.bostonmpo.org/bostonmpo/resources/MAGIC/magic.pdf>

³⁵ 2003 Sudbury Town Annual Report, Goodnow Library
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<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=1271>

³⁶ Minutes, Sudbury Board of Selectmen, September 7, 2004

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=1647>

³⁷ Minutes, Sudbury Board of Selectmen, November 4, 2004

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=1727>

³⁸ Minutes, Community Preservation Commission, October 20, 2004

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=1710>

Minutes, Community Preservation Commission, November 3, 2004

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=1738>

³⁹ Minutes, RTCAC, March 3, 2005

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=1910>

⁴⁰ Members of the Friends identified in Minutes, RTCAC, June 14, 2007

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=3700>

⁴¹ Minutes, Sudbury Board of Selectmen, February 15, 2005

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=1853>

⁴² Minutes, RTCAC, March 30, 2005

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=1950>

⁴³ Transcript of the 2005 Sudbury Town Meeting, dated 9/12/2006.

<http://www.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/2876/ProceedingsComplete2005.pdf>

⁴⁴ Minutes, Sudbury Board of Selectmen, April 12, 2005

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=1949>

Minutes, RTCAC, April 14, 2005

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=1942>

⁴⁵ Minutes, Sudbury Board of Selectmen, May 17, 2005

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=1984>

⁴⁶ Meeting of Town Manager Valente, Fire Chief Kenneth MacLean, Police Chief Peter Fadgen, and RTCAC co-chairs Dick Williamson and Pat Brown, summarized in e-mail dated July 24, 2005.

Minutes, RTCAC, August 8, 2005

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=2133>

⁴⁷ RTCAC minutes of meetings from April 14, 2005, to October 27, 2005, describe the process of this survey. Survey results are available at the Goodnow Library in the reference section and at the Board of Selectmen's office in the Flynn Building.

The tabular portion of the results is included in the presentation of September 14, 2006.

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/committees/railtrail/custom/RTCAC9-14-06Presentation.pps>

⁴⁸ Minutes, RTCAC, August 8, 2005

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=2133>

⁴⁹ Town Manager's Newsletter, November 4, 2005

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/2252/MgrEmail11.04.05.pdf>

Minutes, Sudbury Board of Selectmen, November 8, 2005

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=2227>

⁵⁰ Minutes, RTCAC, June 13, 2005

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=2064>

⁵¹ Minutes, RTCAC, July 18, 2005

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=2428>

⁵² Minutes, RTCAC, August 8, 2005

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=2133>

⁵³ Minutes, RTCAC, November 10, 2005

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=2275>

⁵⁴ Minutes, RTCAC, December 8, 2005

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=2386>

Minutes, RTCAC, January 12, 2006

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=2502>

⁵⁵ Minutes, RTCAC, February 9, 2006

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=2503>

⁵⁶ RFP Evaluation Team minutes of April 24, 2006

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/2701/MinRTCACEvaluationTeam06Apr24.pdf>

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Handout:

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=2735>

Presentation

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=2736>

Summary:

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<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/3583/PoliceChiefRespondstoQuestionsRelatedtoPublicSafety.pdf>

⁵⁹ Minutes, RTCAC, July 13, 2006

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=2841>

⁶⁰ Slides of the presentation of September 14, 2006, are found at:

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/committees/railtrail/custom/RTCAC9-14-06Presentation.pps>

⁶¹ Minutes, RTCAC, September 21, 2006

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=3021>

⁶² 2007 Sudbury Town Meeting Warrant, pages 20-22

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/3256/2007ATMWarrantFINAL.pdf>

⁶³ Minutes, RTCAC, October 12, 2006

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=3022>

⁶⁴ Minutes, RTCAC, November 9, 2006

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=3077>

⁶⁵ Preliminary Engineering Assessment for Phase 2 of the RFRT in Sudbury submitted by FST to the Town in 2006.

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/3097/BFRTFinalAssessment.pdf>

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/3098/BFRTAppendices.pdf>

⁶⁶ Minutes, RTCAC, December 14, 2006

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=3117>

⁶⁷ Minutes, RTCAC, December 14, 2006

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=3117>

⁶⁸ Minutes, Sudbury Board of Selectmen, February 27, 2007
<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=3374>
Minutes, RTCAC, March 8, 2007
<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=3406>

⁶⁹ Minutes, Sudbury Board of Selectmen, March 27, 2007
<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=3462>
Minutes, RTCAC, April 4, 2007
<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=3517>

⁷⁰ Results of the 2007 Sudbury Annual Town Meeting,
<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/services/clerk/custom/tmresults2007.asp>

⁷¹ Minutes, Sudbury Board of Selectmen May 8, 2007
<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=3541>
Minutes, RTCAC, May 10, 2007
<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=3591>

⁷² Minutes, Sudbury Board of Selectmen, June 5, 2007
<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=3596>
Minutes, RTCAC, June 14, 2007
<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=3700>

⁷³ Minutes, RTCAC, August 23, 2007
<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=3843>

⁷⁴ Minutes, Sudbury Board of Selectmen, October 23, 2007
<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=3932>

⁷⁵ http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/4128/RailTrail_2008-01-24_Minutes.pdf
http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/4301/Concatenated_Farmers_090508.pdf

⁷⁶ <http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/4776/2008PROCEEDINGS.pdf>
<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/services/clerk/tm/tmresults2008.asp>

⁷⁷ http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/4320/BoardOfSelectmen_2008-05-13_Minutes.pdf

⁷⁸ Minutes, Sudbury Board of Selectmen, June 24, 2008
http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/4368/BoardOfSelectmen_2008-06-24_Minutes.pdf

⁷⁹ Minutes, RTCAC, June 26, 2008
http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/4411/RailTrail_2008-06-26_Minutes.pdf

⁸⁰ http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/4548/RailTrail_2008-09-25_Minutes.pdf

⁸¹ http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/4633/BoardOfSelectmen_2008-10-28_Minutes.pdf

⁸² Recommendation of the RTCAC to the BOS, approved September 25, 2008
http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/4530/Recommendations_September_25_2008.pdf

⁸³ Board of Selectmen, October 28, 2008. Notes e-mailed to RTCAC November 9, 2008.

⁸⁴ http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/4633/BoardOfSelectmen_2008-10-28_Minutes.pdf

⁸⁵

http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/4530/Recommendations_January_22_2009.pdf

http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/4869/RailTrail_2009-01-22_Minutes.pdf

⁸⁶ <http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/4865/ATMWarrant2009FINAL.pdf>

⁸⁷ http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/5049/BoardOfSelectmen_2009-06-09_Minutes.pdf

⁸⁸ Wildlife Study posted
http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/committees/news_story.asp?id=2736

⁸⁹ Minutes RTCAC April 6, 2010.

⁹⁰ http://www.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/5675/BoardOfSelectmen_2010-05-04_Minutes.pdf

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⁹² Minutes of the Evaluation Team Meeting on April 24, 2006
<http://www.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=2701>

⁹³ June 15, 2006, design charrette by FS&T
Handout:

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=2735>
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⁹⁴ Minutes, RTCAC, September 21, 2006

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=3021>

⁹⁵ Minutes, RTCAC, September 21, 2006

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⁹⁶ 2007 Sudbury Town Meeting Warrant, pages 20-22

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⁹⁷ Minutes, RTCAC, November 9, 2006

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¹⁰⁰ Posted minutes of RTCAC meetings

http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/committees/committee_past_meetings.asp?dept=RailTrail

¹⁰¹ Non-posted notes from Agricultural Commission meeting of June 21, 2007.

¹⁰² Minutes, Sudbury Board of Selectmen, July 10, 2007

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=3715>

¹⁰³ Minutes, RTCAC, July 26, 2007

http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/3731/RailTrail_2007-07-26_Minutes.pdf

¹⁰⁴ Minutes, RTCAC, January 24, 2008

http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/4128/RailTrail_2008-01-24_Minutes.pdf

¹⁰⁵ Minutes, Sudbury Board of Selectmen, February 28, 2006

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=3573>

¹⁰⁶ Minutes, Sudbury Board of Selectmen, October 3, 2006
<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=3383>

¹⁰⁷ Minutes, Sudbury Board of Selectmen, October 3, 2006
<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=3383>

¹⁰⁸ Minutes, Sudbury Board of Selectmen, June 5, 2007
<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=3596>

¹⁰⁹ Minutes, Sudbury Board of Selectmen, October 23, 2007
<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=3932>

¹¹⁰ Minutes, Sudbury Board of Selectmen, May 13, 2008
http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/4320/BoardOfSelectmen_2008-05-13_Minutes.pdf
Minutes, RTCAC, May 22, 2008
http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/4359/RailTrail_2008-05-22_Minutes.pdf

¹¹¹ Minutes, Sudbury Board of Selectmen, June 24, 2008
http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/4368/BoardOfSelectmen_2008-06-24_Minutes.pdf

¹¹² Minutes, Sudbury Board of Selectmen, October 28, 2008
http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/4633/BoardOfSelectmen_2008-10-28_Minutes.pdf

¹¹³ Minutes, RTCAC, December 14, 2006
<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=3117>
Minutes, Community Preservation Commission, December 6, 2006
<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=3092>

¹¹⁴ Agenda, CPC, November 19, 2008 (minutes not yet available)
http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/4623/CPC_2008-11-19_Agenda.pdf

¹¹⁵ Unposted notes on June 6, 2005, Conservation Commission meeting with RTCAC (Pat Brown)

¹¹⁶ Minutes, RTCAC, September 12, 2005
<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=2186>

¹¹⁷ Minutes, Sudbury Conservation Commission, February 5, 2007
<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=3338>
Minutes, RTCAC, March 8, 2007

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=3406>

¹¹⁸ Minutes, Sudbury Financial Commission, March 19, 2007.
<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=3527>

¹¹⁹ Minutes, Sudbury Financial Commission, April 9, 2007
<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=3529>

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¹²⁵ http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/4633/BoardOfSelectmen_2008-10-28_Minutes.pdf

¹²⁶ Minutes from Sudbury Community Preservation Committee
<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=4741>
<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=4851>
<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/download.asp?id=4924>

¹²⁷ <http://www.sudbury.ma.us/services/Clerk/custom/TMResults2009Apr.htm>
<http://www.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/4865/ATMWarrant2009FINAL.pdf>

¹²⁸ e-mail from Town Planner Jody Kablack to the RTCAC dated March 11, 2009.

¹²⁹ Warrant:

<http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/5491/2010ATMWarrantFinal3-15-10.pdf>

Town meeting results: <http://www.sudbury.ma.us/services/clerk/tm/tmresults2010.asp>

¹³⁰ http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/4303/RailTrail_2007-11-29_Minutes.pdf and unpublished BFRTCC minutes provided by Mr. Cash

¹³¹ http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/4264/RailTrail_2008-02-28_Minutes.pdf

¹³² http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/4359/RailTrail_2008-05-22_Minutes.pdf and unpublished BFRTCC minutes provided by Mr. Cash

¹³³ http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/4670/RailTrail_2008-10-23_Minutes.pdf

¹³⁴ Notes on February 5, 2009, BFRTCC meeting in e-mail to RTCAC February 12, 2009

¹³⁵ Notes e-mailed to RTCAC [Pat Brown, October 9, 2009]

Notes e-mailed to RTCAC [Dick Williamson, October 2, 2009; notes by Marcia Rasmussen]

¹³⁶ http://www.brucefreemanrailtrail.org/pdf/BFRT_UniformityCmteCharter_Final.pdf

¹³⁷ http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/4670/RailTrail_2008-10-23_Minutes.pdf

¹³⁸ June 1, 2009 e-mail from Town Planner Jody Kablack to Tom Michelman, CC'ed to RTCAC and Town Manager Maureen Valente.