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**Minutes of Meeting
Pathway Committee
March 16, 2016
7:00 PM, Room 112, Town Hall**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee Members Anne Staples, Ken Cadman, Kevin Cafferty, Pat Palzkill, Jim Kelliher, Bob Woodill, Brendan Sullivan, ~~Brendan Recupero (alt) and Pam Brake (alt)~~. The meeting was held in the Planning Office.

Agenda

Member Sullivan moved to approve the agenda. The motion was approved 6-0.

Forest Street Pathway

According to the MAPC bid tabs wooden guardrail installed costs \$19.25 a foot. The guardrail would be installed by Delucca Fence. The Committee discussed installing this guardrail in the area along Miller Woods. The length of this section is approximately 1000 feet, so the guardrail would cost \$19,250. Other areas of the path will be reviewed to ascertain whether guardrail make sense in those areas. Mass Reclamation will be contacted to see if they can do the work at a lower cost.

Vin Bucca appeared before the committee to discuss issues with the existing pathway boardwalks. His concerns were that the construction techniques used to build the boardwalks would lead to joists rotting. The spacing between the boardwalk surface planks was too thin which would lead to rot. The number of stringers used per section was unnecessary and the boardwalk railings were unnecessarily high, wasting wood and increasing the costs.

Simon Hill Pathway

The Committee will shift focus from the Simon Hill Pathway to the proposed end point of the pathway at Grove Street. The Town recently acquired a property on the north side of Grove Street that abuts Wompatuck State Park. This was to be the terminus of the Simon Hill Pathway and provide access into the park. The Committee will look at the potential to construct a parking lot on this property that could provide access to the park and revisit developing a pathway from Simon Hill Road to this lot in the future.

I certify that the above minutes were reviewed and approved by the majority vote by the Pathways Committee on May 4, 2016.

Anne M Staples