

The Trails Committee held a meeting on November 17, 2014 at the Notch Road Municipal Center. Present were: First Selectman Robert Morra; Selectmen Robert Lessard and Gwen Marrion; Highway Supervisor Lance Dimock; Director of Community Development Patrice Carson; from BSC Group Luke McCoy and Jesse Harris; and (via telephone) Administrative Officer Joyce Stille.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting began at 1:05 P.M.

2. DISCUSSION ON RECREATIONAL TRAIL

The CT Department of Transportation (DOT) provided comments on the BSC Group proposed plan for a shared use path along Route 44 from Quarry Road to the Bolton/Coventry Town line with a spur to Indian Notch Park. The group reviewed and discussed each of the DOT comments. The DOT review outlined potential challenges and concerns associated with the project including: possible cost of ledge removal; grades; rights of way impacts (trees, garage and proximity to houses); sanitary sewer lines; drainage structures; stonewalls; number of driveways being crossed; number of potential easements necessary; possible relocation of overhead utilities; width of trail with buffers; and necessary barriers. The DOT also requested information as to alternatives studied which BSC Group will provide. The group agreed that major concerns requiring clarification as to DOT guidelines and approvals are the required width including buffer area and types of necessary barriers. A meeting between DOT officials and the Trails Committee is to be scheduled for December 2nd to discuss the BSC Group and Town's responses to DOT's plan comments.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 2:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert R. Morra
First Selectman

PLEASE SEE THE MINUTES OF SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS FOR THE APPROVAL OF THESE MINUTES AND ANY CORRECTIONS HERETO.