

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of September 4, 2008

Chairman Jackson called the meeting to order at 5:00PM. Board members present in addition to Chairman Jackson were Richard Gandt, Martha Morrison and Nancy Luther. Of the Selectmen's staff, Board Secretary Donna Rich, was in attendance.

Old Business

Easement/ATC at 7 Grove Street – Chairman Jackson explained the purpose of the meeting was to review several plans that have been submitted for the possible location of the Alternative Transportation Corridor (ATC) easement at 7 Grove Street. In addition, Chairman Jackson stated he had spoken with Bob LaVita and Phil Jean of Transit Realty who have said that the width of the easement for the ATC could be limited to the width of the Rail Trail or as wide as 20 feet dependent upon the preference of the Board of Selectmen. There ensued a lengthy discussion of the exact location of an easement that would be 20 feet in width and run the length of the property. Selectman Gandt stated that the Board must consider both present and future needs such as maintenance of the trail within the easement. Selectman Luther noted that the MassHighway guidelines should be followed. Selectman Morrison describes the danger of the easement being across designated parking spots. All agree that a trail running directly in front of the building would have safety issues that would need to be addressed. There was consensus that the plan Beals Associates submitted for the Rail Trail should be reviewed by the Public Safety Committee. The Board will then take the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee into consideration in its deliberations. It was agreed that the easement should be 20 feet in width and in the northern section run along the western property line. It was also agreed to request Beals Associates to prepare a drawing showing a twenty-foot easement as discussed and which would support a trail that will comply with MassHighway guidelines. The Board agreed to meet at 7 Grove Street for a site walk on Monday, September 8, 2008 at 9AM.

At 6:30 PM, Selectman Luther motioned to adjourn, Selectman Morrison seconded the motion, so voted: 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Rich, Secretary
Selectmen's Office

Approved as amended at the September 29, 2008 Board of Selectmen's meeting.