

**MINUTES** of meeting, March 4, 2015

Board Room, Department of Public Works (DPW), 20 Municipal Way

Present: Diane Campbell, chair; David Wright, vice chair; members Paul Criswell (until 8:28) Heidi Kost-Gross, and Kurt Somerville; project manager Peter Jackson; Town staff Dave Hickey, Meghan Jop, Mike Pakstis and Brandon Schmitt.

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

**Minutes:** Draft minutes of the meeting of January 21, 2015 had been distributed previously. **MOVED** Heidi, **SECONDED** Paul to approve the minutes as submitted. **PASSED** unanimously.

**Trails Committee proposal for Segment 3/Construction Section 2:** Diane said she has received further communications from Trails Committee (TC) about its proposal to route and mark the Brook Path through open spaces in this section. Brandon said TC members would like to present their proposal at the next FBPC meeting, and Diane said they would be invited to do so. In discussion, members reaffirmed that 1) path improvements in this section were taken out of the project before its approval by 2014 Annual Town Meeting and were therefore not part of FBPC's charge, 2) encroachment by a structure (trellis) on School Committee land near 41 Rice Street was a matter for that committee to deal with, 3) FBPC had no objection to the TC pursuing its path proposal independently, as long as it did not interfere with the authorized FBPC project. It was agreed that FBPC would ask TC not to begin their path work until FBPC contractors finish working in the area, most likely fall 2015.

**Construction report:** Peter Jackson said that work was delayed by February's deep snow, but the contractor has now plowed out some areas so work can proceed. Current jobs include installing rock vanes in the stream near Caroline Street, completing the raised walkway between Paine and Forest Streets, and reconstructing stream and infrastructure at Forest Street. Peter distributed copies of the construction calendar, marked to show progress so far, and expressed concern about keeping the project on schedule. In particular, he had been trying to find out if the annual streamwork restriction from March 15 to June 15, intended to protect spawning fish, needs to be as long as it is. He said it appeared that the source of those dates was not any of the permitting bodies for this project, but the consultant who drew up the plan. Peter will try to find out more about actual fish activity in Fuller and Caroline Brooks, from the state Department of Fish and Wildlife and local sources, to see if this no-work window can be narrowed without harming the fish.

**Section 319 grant:** Dave Hickey reported that as soon as it the EPA funding freeze ends the program's administrator is standing by to sign the contract and begin receiving requests for reimbursement.

**Additional permitting for tree removal:** Mike Pakstis said that as construction progressed, it was found that more trees would have to be removed than specified in the plan. DPW is returning to the Wetlands Protection Committee (WPC) for a permit to do the additional removal. Dave Hickey described the proposal as not exactly a one-to-one tree removal/replacement plan, but focused mainly on invasive species (Norway maple) and sensitive to tree size, location, etc. to satisfy WPC requirements.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, April 15, 2015, at 8:00 a.m. in the DPW Board Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Wright, Vice Chair