

Minutes of March 3, 2014 Meeting of the Toy Town Partnership

Kendance: Cindy Boucher, Joe LaDeau, Elaine Mroz. Also in attendance, Gerry White, Tracy Murphy, Linda Daigle. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm. The February minutes were read and accepted.

Converse Garden Gerry White updated the group on the plans to secure 136 River Street from Rose Acceptance, the current holder of the property. The Redevelopment Authority has authorized the funds necessary. Closing should happen within a few weeks. When this transaction is completed, we will want to create some press for the Garden to thank all who have donated to date and to create more interest in the project in the community.

Gerry is hopeful that he'll be able to obtain some donations of stone and gravel, and will ask for the DPW's assistance to prepare the site this fall.

Bicycle Trail/s -Since it is not possible to get clear title to the land connecting Phase 4 and Phase 5 at Glenallen street, we must proceed with a confirmatory taking. This must be completed by June, or our appraisal will need to be redone. The town's attorneys are taking the necessary steps to clear the way for the taking.

MassDOT continues to sputter on the approval process for Phase 5. It now appears that the project will not be bid in time for this construction season. Phase 6 in Gardner is under the jurisdiction of a different MassDOT district, and is moving ahead at a more timely pace. A contract has been let to Tighe and Bond for the design work.

K Elaine has submitted an updated list of points of interest to Tracy to include in a new map for the kiosk. Gerry is optimistic that this map can be up and ready in advance of the tourist season this spring.

Robinson Broadhurst Meeting There is no further update available on the plans of the Robinson-Broadhurst sub-committee to arrange the purchase of the 42 acre Ingleside house and parcel from the Winchendon School.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. Next meeting Monday April 7 at 4:00pm at Town Hall Auditorium.