



NEEDHAM PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Public Services Administration Building (PSAB)

500 Dedham Avenue

Needham, MA 02492-2699

Tel: (781) 455-7550

Fax: (781) 453-2510

Rail Trail Neighborhood Abutter Update

The Town of Needham, working in collaboration with the Bay Colony Rail Trail Association, is ready to begin the initial stage of work to create the pedestrian path/rail trail.

McConnell Scrap has been hired to remove the rails and ties along the 1.7 mile route, including removing the rails in the road crossings at Fisher Street and Charles River Street. This portion of the project will cost about \$40,000, all donated to the Town by the Bay Colony Rail Trail Association.

The contractor will install No Trespassing signs, to keep people off the pedestrian path during construction. Notifications have been sent to local press, and through other contacts, to remind residents that the path is closed during construction.

Tentative Schedule

April 21-22	clear growth along sides of rail
April 23-24	set up erosion controls in designated areas
April 27- May 12	remove rails
May 13 – 29	remove ties, back blade surface to remove ruts

DPW Engineering Division will be providing direct oversight on the project, on a daily basis. They can be reached at (781) 455-7550, press 2 at the recording.

Bay Colony Rail Trail Association is overseeing the abutter mitigation project.

The second phase of work has not been put out to bid or scheduled, yet. It will include the installation of a stone dust surface, signs, safety fencing, and road crossing improvements. For this second phase, Bay Colony Rail Trail Association has donated \$75,000 (and continues to fund raise). In addition, Rep. Garlick was able to get a \$70,000 state appropriation awarded to the Town. Additional funds have been requested from a trails grant, and through the Community Preservation Fund.

The Board of Selectmen has appointed a Rail Trail Advisory Committee, and this group will meet for the first time in late April. Information, including their meeting agendas and minutes, can be found at www.needhamma.gov, under “Boards and Committees.”

For additional information, please contact Park and Recreation Director Patty Carey at pcarey@needhamma.gov or (781) 455-7550, press 3 at the recording.