

# **Burrillville Recreation Commission**

## **Public Informational Meeting-Burrillville Pedestrian Path**

### **Jesse Smith Library-Community Room**

#### **Meeting Minutes**

**May 4, 2009**

#### **I. Introduction:**

**Al Gerew, Vice Chair of the Burrillville Recreation Commission called to order the Public Informational meeting of the Burrillville Recreation Commission at 6:00 p.m. on May 4, 2009 in Jesse Smith Library-Community Room.**

**Al Gerew introduced the Burrillville Recreation Commission members present: Dave Marcotte, Juliette Lopez-Recinos, Alice Lavigne, and Allan Low.**

**Al Gerew introduced: Town Planner Tom Kravitz, Design Consultant Richard Claytor, P.E. of Horsley Witten Group, and Burrillville Parks & Recreation Director Cheri Hall.**

**Al Gerew reviewed the agenda topics and turned the meeting over to Town Planner Tom Kravitz for the Presentation portion of the meeting.**

#### **II. Presentation:**

**Town Planner Tom Kravitz requested the audience hold their questions and comments until the end of the presentation portion of the meeting. If anyone doesn't want to make a public comment, there**

are mail in public comment forms and a sign in sheet at the entrance door.

A power point presentation took place reviewing the following topics:

- **1965 Town of Burrillville Comprehensive Plan-Recreation Plan: map showing the dotted old railroad bed for a scenic trail between Harrisville and Pascoag of which 6,200 feet, just over 1 mile is the focus of tonight's meeting for a new pedestrian path. There is a larger plan focusing on the railroad right of way but this is all that is being focused on tonight. Since there has been a lot of questions about the segment of the project at the end of Railroad Avenue and Chapel Street leading up to the old ambulance building which is now called the Binns Building. This is a different, but existing path being lowered in elevation for accessibility purposes by the land owner who conveyed the property to the town. This path will eventually connect with the path being talked about tonight and continue to head south towards Duck Pond. When Mr. Barnes is done excavating, he will have to replenish all the trees and re-grade it to a 12 foot wide gravel path to the railroad bed from there to a six foot wide path leading to Duck Pond.**

- **The project came to the Town Planner Tom Kravitz's attention originally when the land owner Mr. Barnes wanted to submit for a housing development which would amount to approximately 35 to 40 homes including 60 acres of property zoned as F2 restricted which you can have cluster housing. The opportunity to negotiate something different where the town could acquire the land at very little cost to come up with something more in conformance with the**

**town's comp. plan. Mr. Barnes has agreed to excavate out and sell the material with plans and permits where in exchange he would sell the town 52 acres for \$200,000. Again, this first path is what is currently being excavated, and will eventually lead to Duck Pond. It's currently 15 feet high +/- and not accessible. Lowering it to the same grade as the railroad bed makes it accessible.**

- The path being reviewed tonight is consistent with the State of Rhode Island Department of Transportation regionalized network plan for northwest Rhode Island to connect several different towns shown and could eventually connect to the Cumberland, Lincoln path that connects all the way to Worcester. An April 9, 2009 memorandum was sent to Horsley Witten regarding the various local government authorities who met with Parks and Recreation Director Cheri Hall, Town Planner Tom Kravitz including the Police Department, Sewer Department, Harrisville Fire Department, Pascoag Utility District, Pascoag Fire District and the Burrillville Department of Public Works to voice their concerns. All the departments requested gated access with keys in case of emergencies.**

- The state was supportive of the plan due to the area of Route 107 that narrows and doesn't allow for walking on the road currently as seen in the photographs taken 12/30/08. The photographs depict what is currently a dangerous section of Route 107 west, in the vicinity of the St. Patrick's Cemetery where inadequate right of way exists – nor do sidewalks exist for pedestrians in this area. The railroad bed is clearly a safer means of pedestrian travel east and west between the villages of Harrisville and Pascoag.**

- Aerial of designated area shown which will run east to west behind the Pascoag Utility District where the green line designates the area being excavated currently and the land areas being purchased.
- Tom Kravitz showed a parcel of land asking if the land owner was at the meeting but to no response. This land owner accesses the area daily by crossing the railroad bed and would require remote gate access for convenience. Through the years land owners have acquired through easements pieces of the railroad bed and would be challenging to get the whole area for access.
- Consultant Richard Claytor is present to gain information from the abutting property owners to the designated path area to see what type of screening they would be interested in. Town Planner Tom Kravitz reviewed each aerial photograph in conjunction to the proposed path with Mowry Street, Kennedy Lane, Foster Street, Railroad Avenue, State Route 107-Chapel Street, Union Avenue, Nelson's, St. Patrick's Cemetery, Pascoag Utility District, Bradford Court, and the improvements to Eastern Avenue to include a sidewalk. A level of D.E.M review and approval will need to take place.
- A photographs dated April 11, 2007 of Duck Pond were shared with Town Planner explaining the original intent was not to purchase this much open space but ended up being part of the \$200,000 land conveyance agreement purchased with D.E.M. grants.
- George W. Ptasiak, 75 Eastern Avenue, Pascoag-commented his home is at the path entrance in Pascoag voiced concerns regarding the condition of the road which was paved originally but has

deteriorated to rubble. He questioned where the path goes would park. Town Planner Tom Kravitz explained an area where the old Mobile Station is being targeted for parking for at least 40 to 50 cars and the second phase of Route 107 will include possible improvements of more green space, sidewalks, crosswalks, striping and reorienting the traffic. Mr. Ptasiak voiced concerns regarding the end of Spring Street dangerous access behind the Bargain Buyer being a problem. Town Planner Tom Kravitz stated he wasn't sure if the Spring Street problem would be addressed by the State of Rhode Island Department of Transportation as part of this project or not.

- Shiloh Carlow, 77 Railroad Avenue, Harrisville-commented her home abuts the railroad bed and questioned if a fence would be put up since she has two small children. Town Planner Tom Kravitz stated for those types of specific comments should be written on the available comment sheets so they can be addressed.

- Albert Carlow Jr., 77 Railroad Avenue, Harrisville-commented on concerns about kids partying along railroad bed and a fence would not stop their access. Disagreed with building a parking lot at the busiest intersection in town at the old Mobil Station to walk across with children and bicycles to gain access to the bike path. Town Planner Tom Kravitz stated this meeting was not really the forum for voicing that he doesn't want the path to happen. It should be addressed to the Town Council in writing since this type of path has been in the comp. plan since 1965 and the council has given authorization for him to write grants for funding. The purpose of tonight's meeting is for public officials and the design engineers to

learn of and understand design elements that make it safe for both path users and abutting property owners. Mr. Carlow stated how many crimes happen throughout the state on the bike paths including a stabbing on April 8, 2009 in West Warwick. Mr. Carlow stated gates at the corner of Foster Street and Railroad Avenue and are over 50 areas in town right now where gates are smashed. Mr. Carlow questioned why build something that is not safe and conducive to anything positive? Town Planner Tom Kravitz disagreed and stated he has information from Police Chief Tom Gordon of the Town of Warren which is comparable in size of 11,000 people where they have seven police officers certified to do bike patrol and like the path, think it is a good thing and support it. Mr. Carlow stated the only thing stopping anyone from wreaking havoc along the path is the police department and look at the limited manpower now. Town Planner Tom Kravitz stated the Burrillville Police Department suggested putting "No Parking" signs along Mowry Street, parking available at Stillwater which would be constructed, accessible gates at Mowry Street, Railroad Avenue, and Eastern Avenue so the policemen can patrol the path. The police department requested no lights with the path being open only from dawn to dusk like most of the open space in town. The police department stated they would patrol it to assist in preventing crime and is supportive of the path. Mr. Carlow stated there is theory, and then there is reality, where kids are currently trashing the parks where last Saturday pickup trucks were riding along the railroad bed, transporting wooden crates in advance of making a 30 foot tall barn fire with police response access taking 2

hours. Town Planner Tom Kravitz stated that access time will be improved with the new path, which can provide Police personnel with a means of driving into the area.

- Deb Biddiscombe, 139 Railroad Avenue, Harrisville-questioned who is going to maintain the path once it is built. Town Planner Tom Kravitz reported the maintenance should be minimal since gravel base could not to be plowed. Ms. Biddiscombe stated there would be trash to be picked up. Town Planner Tom Kravitz did not think there would be a trash issue.

- George Ptasiak, 75 Eastern Avenue, Pascoag- stated it would be a pretty straight path and has lived at his property for 37 years with the problem of kids on two-wheel and four-wheel A.T.V.s racing on the railroad bed. The Pascoag Fire District put up gates and big rocks but that didn't stop anything. The four wheel drives, A.T.V.'s and motorcycles still get through. Once the railroad bed is smoothed out it would be an extension of a race track. Town Planner Tom Kravitz stated that by having more pedestrian traffic it should overtake the motor vehicle traffic. Mr. Ptasiak stated that connected to the railroad bed there are numerous other little paths through the woods.

- Greg Mislick, 44 Laurel Hill Avenue, Pascoag- questioned if there is monies in the grant funds for video surveillance that could be utilized by the police department twenty-four hours per day. Mr. Mislick stated that complaints regarding vandalism, barn fires, trash, and illegal activities where access has been limited whereas new accessibility could assist the police.

- Rose Doughty, 311 East Avenue, Harrisville-stated the path is not in

her back yard but she walks her dogs and likes the idea of a path between Pascoag and Harrisville and the more people use it, the less the A.T.V.s will use it. She has walked the trail and sometimes there is trash. It is just the way it is and with fencing most trash won't blow into the abutting yards. If bike paths are not good, why are so many communities as well as the State offering more bike paths? Ms. Doughty feels railroad bed is safer than taking your life in your hands walking the road between Harrisville and Pascoag.

Al Gerew called for order since this is an informal meeting to convey the plans and voice concerns. This is not a meeting to debate the issue. There will be some for and some against. Can leave comments in writing if they like.

- Ronald Lapierre, 1050 Mt. Pleasant Road, Nasonville-stated this project is long overdue. In 1985 he wrote a grant that was shot down because Pascoag Utility put in the power lines. Mr. Lapierre runs and jogs on the South Kingstown Bike Path for eleven years, every other day, and there is no crime down there because the town is the eyes and ears. Trash is picked up by the department of public works with a golf cart once a day. Police patrol once or twice a day for A.T.V.'s and motorcycles and the people write down and identify the riders.

Town Planner Tom Kravitz introduced Richard Claytor P.E. of Horsley Witten Group. Thus far the group has done the mapping resources currently and will formulate design elements for the next stage with tonight's comments. Horsley Witten has done many of these types of projects all over New England. Concerns voiced tonight are very common regarding trash, safety and increased traffic. Smoothing out

the surface does bring more awareness to the project and A.T.V.'s don't like these areas because of more visibility. Mr. Claytor then showed pictures of different design elements to cover a wet area utilizing decking and barrier systems including wooden or chain link fencing, vegetation or a combination of such systems to keep the public areas from the private areas for privacy and safety reasons. Surfacing treatments can be grass, gravel, concrete, permeable paving etc. Gate options were also discussed.

### **III. Public Input:**

- **Thomas Colouro, 111 Railroad Avenue, Harrisville-**Stated he has correspondence back to 2005 from the town when it was just any idea. Thanked the commission for serving on the committee. Questioned why the abutting property owners were not notified way before it reached the design phase. He pays all his town taxes and why he wasn't notified when a grant applied for since grant money is not free money. He stated that others who want to walk it or run it are not the property owners who have to stare at people all day on the path or instead look at a fence when he has a lot invested in his property. He is a cop in Woonsocket and has had forty-five calls on the bike path in the last ten months with the majority due to the crimes of opportunity. Barnes excavates with the silt fencing dropped and dumping into the wetlands and no restroom facilities. When Mr. Colouro called the Planning Department when he got home last year as a veteran in Iraq and questioned why there is excavating going on, the Town Planner explained phase I of the project, similar to that explained this evening, and explained that Phase I was approved by

the Planning Board and RI D.E.M. He stated that there is more than 15 feet being taken out of the project area with truckload after truckload. He stated that he would like the common decency as an abutting property owner of being made aware that this is happening and be proactive in the design and planning. Town Planner stated that when writing a grant for a community project there is no requirement to notify the abutting property owners via certified mail, but that Planning Board would go beyond that requirement, certify the larger path as a Major Land Development and notify abutters anyway. Mr. Colouro stated when it would have been fair and it should have been long before now. Town Planner Tom Kravitz stated the first phase of the project is a minor development project with no homes or no creation of a roadway involved and notification to the abutters was not required. This next piece is considered a major project with the Planning Board to hold a public hearing with the abutters being notified. It has been in the comp. plan for forty four years. The comp. plan is updated fully every ten years and periodically every five years. Advertisement is required for all comprehensive plan adjustments. And, the decennial comp. plan is comprised of community surveys. Parks and Recreation Director Cheri Hall stated it has been ongoing goal and objective for the Town Council to find alternative transportation between Harrisville and Pascoag that is more pedestrian friendly.

- Don Mehrtens, 71 Railroad Avenue, Harrisville- Stated he is the Chairman of the Harrisville Fire District with three quarters of this project being in the Harrisville Fire District. Fire and rescue are going

to be responsible for all this property. Tom Kravitz stated they met with Mark St. Pierre of the Harrisville Fire Department who designated where he would like the gates. Mr. Mehrtens recommended the Fire Districts be notified. Mr. Mehrtens stated there is more night traffic than day traffic and it is impossible to block access.

- Town Planner Tom Kravitz requested from the abutting property owners information on what type of borders and surveillance they would be interested in to assist with accessing the costs involved.

- Thomas Calouro, 111 Railroad Avenue, Harrisville-stated with Rhode Island is second highest in unemployment in the country, costs to support even just one extra Department of Public Works employee, extra policing and providing surveillance, law suits for any injuries, even with grant monies involved. Tax dollars are going up and are utilized to build these types of things and does not conserve money.

Leave this property as open land since people move to Burrillville for open land and to be away from traffic and noise. Town Planner Tom Kravitz stated you are more prone to see nature with what is being proposed then if 40 houses were built. Mr. Colouro stated that if he was Barnes Concrete and owned all this land, why you would sell the property to the town for \$200,000 versus making fifteen million over the next ten years building houses. Mr. Carlow stated 40 houses could not be built due to the land being undevelopable and is swamp.

Town Planner Tom Kravitz stated that houses could have been built outside of the wetland area. Mr. Carlow stated that if houses were built it would have increased his property value, whereas, this path project is going to depreciate value of his home. An example is the

property value of homes around Lincoln Woods who are not able to see their homes. Town Planner Tom Kravitz addressed the issue of additional costs, should such be necessary, for Police Patrol and Department of Public Works. The town of Warren where a legislative grant was received to support the additional cost for hours for police personnel. .

- Albert Carlow, 77 Railroad Avenue, Harrisville-stated that on any given day there are maybe three, five at best, Burrillville police officers on patrol for the town's fifty-five square miles. If the police chief can adjust his man power properly to assist with a police officer down the bike path, another two called to a domestic disturbance other the other side of town and a call to car accident, the town would have to call for assistance from Gloucester, North Smithfield, Uxbridge, or Douglas to handle the call because the police officer on the path is not going to be able to respond fast enough. Town Planner Tom Kravitz stated this could possibly be averted by the community policing. Mr. Carlow stated community policing only acts as eyes and ears to contact Police Station. Town Planner Tom Kravitz questioned what the procedure currently is if responding to a call currently on the railroad bed area. Mr. Carlow then read a police report from Saturday evening where he, a Burrillville Police officer, responded to a call where vehicles parked along Foster Street heading to Duck Pond for underage drinking and a barn fire. Number 8 (Mr. Carlow) responded the large group of teens were disbursed from the area, cleaning up their mess, putting out the fire and some drove their vehicles along the old tracks. Mr. Carlow stated he and

three guys had to park their vehicles and walked through the woods for access to the area for 1 ½ hours. Town Planner Tom Kravitz questioned if it would have been easier to respond if had access. Mr. Carlow stated there is no access to Duck Pond and he took the Explorer back there and broke it. Town Planner Tom Kravitz questioned what if that segment was wide enough for a police vehicle. Would it make it easier for access? Mr. Carlow stated that is just one area when there are about 30 to 40 other places with access for kids to party. Town Planner Tom Kravitz stated the access could be 9 feet wide instead of 6 feet wide.

- Richard Claytor, P.E., Horsley Witten Group- stated they had done a similar project where a huge expansive dirt bike trail and by fencing off those old access points, it makes it almost impossible for ATV's and other vehicles to access old party spots. This would isolate other areas with design elements. Tom Carlow stated there are two gated areas in town where the gates have been ripped off. Unless building Fort Knox, the kids will get through it. Mr. Claytor stated that what happens when improving a trail like this, you bring in law abiding citizens during the day that chase out lawless citizens which acts as a deterrent to that kind of activity when properly maintained with surveillance. It doesn't take long for this activity to move to another place that is not as high profile and not as likely to get caught. Mr. Carlow stated that a bunch of kids at Veterans Park across from the Pascoag Fire Department were ripping bricks up during broad daylight. When Mr. Carlow addressed them that a lot of these men and women gave their lives so you can have a park like

**this. The response from the kids was they shouldn't have died anyway. If they would do this in broad daylight in front of a fire station, what do you think they are going to do in the cover of a wooded area? Give them the cover of darkness in a wooded area, you are creating a nightmare.**

**• Greg Mislick, 44 Laurel Hill Avenue, Pascoag-stated he is a parent with an eighteen year old daughter, who has gone through the entire Burrillville School system, and a thirteen year old son who attends the middle school. He has heard of the problems such as underage drinking and asked what the police department does if kids are found drinking etc? Are they brought into the police station and are the parents contacted? Mr. Mislick stated his kids know if word gets back home of them being involved in this type of activity, there is nothing worse then what they would have to deal with at home. Why aren't people being accountable for their own actions and why aren't people reporting the problems.**

**• Norm Roth, Chapel Street, Harrisville-stated he walks four miles per day to Pascoag, to the bank or IGA but trying to walk along Route 107 in front of the cemetery is impossible for people unless they jump atop the existing stone wall in that area. Is it safer now, walking this section of Route 107 as it exists, or walking the railroad bed with more good people out on the railroad bed? He understands it is difficult for the homeowners but the town needs access to Pascoag. The amount of kids, ATV's, and dirt bikes are many with few adults now but with more access, these types of things will slow down. A lot of people like to walk in this town and we could us a good trail.**

- **Albert Carlow, 77 Railroad Avenue, Harrisville-questioned what are the plans for the runoff from that property where right now it is sub-grade gravel. His abutting line to the wetlands this time of year is a foot of mud, Is the path going to be paved, where is the storm runoff going, is it going to be crowned how wide is it going to be, how far from his property line is it going to be? What is the D.E.M. plan number and who is the civil engineer for this project. Mr. Claytor, P.E., Horsley Witten stated he is not the civil engineer on phase one of the project. Crossman Engineering has been hired by Mr. Barnes. Town Planner Tom Kravitz stated the Town Engineer has been overseeing the town's project interest currently and now that he knows the silt fence is down, he will contact Mr. Barnes as soon as he leaves the meeting. Mr. Carlow requested a PDF copy of the plan that is on file right now. Town Planner Tom Kravitz stated all the information is public record and copies can be sought at the town planner's office with PDF's from the engineer. Mr. Claytor, P.E., Horsley Witten Group stated that the design for the main pathway will vary depending on the drainage situations. It may be crowned in portions and permeable material with a good sub-grade if necessary. Mr. Carlow stated in his backyard you can see the drainage problems.**
- **Richard Claytor, P.E., Horsley Witten Group-stated his firm will take in the design comments they receive today regarding site differences and drainage with ponding problems etc. and will design a solution.**
- **Thomas Colouro, 111 Railroad Avenue, Harrisville-stated this project is going to happen and is requesting if there is a way to figure out a**

way that this is not going to impact him as a property owner that is what's best for his families safety. Richard Claytor, P.E., Horsley Witten Group stated they will meet with him and design an appropriate solution assuming it meets with the town's funding. Mr. Colouro would like a visual barrier to be able to sit by his pool without people staring at him. Mr. Colouro questioned the funding currently available for the project. Town Planner Tom Kravitz stated the current funding is \$100,000. Richard Claytor, P.E., Horsley Witten Group stated a couple of different scenarios are designed with projects like this one are usually done in phases to accommodate the budget costs. Projects are phased out through two or three grant cycles if necessary since \$100,000 is not going to build the entire length with the screening etc. to not compromise concerns voiced tonight. Mr. Colouro stated as long as the barrier part is not part of the last phase. Richard Claytor, P.E., Horsley Witten Group stated his firm will offer design options with range of costs and very rarely is it done as a one phase project. Screening is not the last element. It is part of the design element and usually is done as part of one of the first phases.

Town Planner Tom Kravitz distributed comment sheets to be completed with name and address and mitigative screening mechanism requests to assist with the design costs assessment.

- Thomas Colouro, 111 Railroad Avenue, Harrisville-questioned since these type of projects are done in phases due to budgets, what happened with the walkway project behind George's Pizza and run through behind Elite Pizza in Pascoag since it has been two years

with nothing being done? Why start this project if that other project isn't complete. This could happen with this new project where a next door neighbor could have a fence but yet he might not end up with one. Realistically the building aspect could be 2-3 years which will impact on the quality of life, not improve the quality of life. Town Planner Tom Kravitz commented that the first segment of the Pascoag project behind Northwest Health Center is complete with Mr. Murphy of George's Pizza completing the second piece of the project.

The other leg of the project from the bridge way south behind the North Main Street plaza has not been completed because of the steep topography and slope, which is costly to deal with such that it has been put off. Then this new project took precedence because of the housing development proposal, which logically led to negotiations and open space preservation at no cost to the town. Mr. Colouro stated these types of issues do come up and delay projects due to cost factors.

- Al Gerew, Vice Chair of Burrillville Recreation Commission-stated he was under the understanding that this path project was not to be paved but would be unpaved with gravel surfacing. Richard Claytor, P.E., Horsley Witten Group stated all the different surfacing options are being offered at this time depending on cost factors. Town Planner Tom Kravitz stated the only interdepartmental staff that has requested pavement twelve foot wide is Mark St. Pierre of the Harrisville Fire Department. Mark St. Pierre can be questioned if another type of permeable surfacing would allow for a brush to access the area.

- **George W. Ptasiak, 75 Eastern Avenue, Pascoag-stated that green shrubbery along the side of the road to absorb sound but in the winter the shrubbery disappears. The first snow there are twenty snowmobiles going down the tracks by hopping around the fence. The fire district put metal gates with padlocks which have been broken numerous times and the gate was actually pulled down by children that drive their cars down the tracks. Opposite his driveway for last five to seven years the fire district has been dumping fill on the cemetery side of the railroad tracks which looks like the beginning of a parking area with dumping by town vehicles. During the summer months children are playing in the roadway where electric trucks drive through. At the proposed entrance to the path, the electric company just built a brand new place on the cemetery side of the track where there poles are aligned. The electric company drives down the railroad tracks to the gate that would be the entrance to the bike path with the poles on a trailer which would be a problem if people are trying to access the new bike path. From ten o'clock on at night you hear cars coming and going to the railroad track where a light is out on the telephone pole. Town Planner Tom Kravitz commented that when he met with Pascoag Utility they stated they want a fence to go around their equipment since they have had some vandalism. Where the poles are stored and moved is to improve East Avenue with a sidewalk at one side. Mr. Ptasiak loves the idea of a bike path but is concerned over keeping the existing problems out.**
- **Deb Biddiscombe, 139 Railroad Avenue, Harrisville-questioned when the project is complete, who pays for any problems or**

breakage. Town Planner Tom Kravitz stated they would have to make sure there is enough money in place for these expenses. Richard Claytor, P.E., Horsley Witten Group stated that when doing this type of project, a list of capital costs and a list of long term maintenance costs is estimated. Such is factored in to the decision making process.

#### **IV. Schedule:**

a) Future Meetings-Town Planner Tom Kravitz reviewed the information regarding the Design and Schedule including future meeting dates.

b) Permitting & Design-Town Planner Tom Kravitz stated the permitting and design will be submitted to State of Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management for permitting. Another meeting to revisit the design with the public will take place to include the changes mentioned this evening. This meeting will take place before the Planning Board. Notification will be sent to the abutters for the Planning Board Review.

- Kevin Morin, 300 Benedict Road, Harrisville-stated he is not a neighbor to this project. He is an engineer but not on this project. As a resident, he likes the idea of this project from the standpoint having something to go to like to Duck Pond versus going to neighboring towns like Lincoln, Cumberland, Woonsocket, North Kingstown, or South Kingstown to utilize their paths. If I were a neighbor he would have some of the same thoughts. Speaking from experience, Mr.

**Morin did work on a project that abutted the Acela rail line in South Kingstown that goes very fast through that corridor. The Planning Board had concerns since it was abutting a housing project and kids would try to access the tracks. Stockade fencing and plantings with green briars were installed on both sides to discourage anyone to go through there. There has been no problems reported that he knows of. He has lived along a similar path in Bellingham all his life with ATV's gaining access to this day. This type of new path would be an improvement with feedback being the most important aspect at this time.**

- Greg Mislick, 44 Laurel Hill Avenue, Pascoag-since 911 the industry has made available bollard systems which can't be tampered with. Richard Claytor, P.E., Horsley Witten Group stated the bollards that don't move are pretty inexpensive but the ones that go up and down are expensive and show what options can be considered.**

- Cheri Hall, Parks & Recreation Director-stated that if anyone would like copies of the comments from the Fire Department, Police Department, Sewer Department can be e-mailed or picked up.**

#### **V. Adjournment**

**Al Gerew, Vice Chair of the Burrillville Recreation Commission thanked Tom Kravitz, Richard Claytor and everyone else on behalf of the Recreation Commission for their attendance tonight. A motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. was made by Recreation Commission member David Marcotte. Seconded by Al Low. Motion passed.**

**Minutes submitted by: Carol L. Conway**

**Minutes approved by: Burrillville Recreation Commission on June 8,  
2009**