

## **Community Park RR Crossing Committee Minutes - April 1, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm by Councilor Caleb Hemphill.

### **Roll Call**

All Committee Members were present. Members include: Caleb Hemphill (Council Liaison), Lucky D'Ascanio (Staff Liaison), Nathan Poore (Town Manager), Steve Melchiskey, John Low, John Adelman, Dave Gagnon, Daniel Pearl, Justin Beauregard. Tom Gorrill (Gorrill & Palmer) was also present.

### **Summary Minutes**

Tom Gorrill, of Gorrill-Palmer Consulting Engineers, presented an abbreviated review of the 2013 "Preliminary Assessment of East Branch Recreation Trail" indicating that PanAm may not be in favor of a proposed tunnel due to the rail now supporting high speed AmTrak trains. The "tunnel crossing C" was identified as "most desirable" at this juncture and it was noted that this crossing does include private property. "Tunnel crossing B" was identified as the next alternate.

Committee representation was discussed - School Department – is there interest, are they a stakeholder?

Committee members all raised concern with regard to the \$1.7M estimate and discussed feasibility and funding options such as booster clubs, fundraising campaigns, etc. N. Poore mentioned that there are many other projects currently fundraising and there may be competition for financial support. The need for a survey was mentioned to determine interest as well as support.

The question, "why not an at-grade crossing?" was raised. N. Poore will reach out to Nate Moulton of MDOT and request he attend our next meeting to discuss.

**Next Meeting: TBA**