

These are the committee responses to date. Some comments have not yet been addressed due to the need to prepare materials for the May 2014 Town Meeting. The remaining comments will be addressed by the committee after Town Meeting.

Some design items, such as fencing, that have been recommended by the BFRTAC for inclusion in the 75% design might be deemed non-participatory by MassDOT, and thus not covered by MassDOT project funding. Design items which are non-participatory (not paid for with MassDOT project funds) will not be constructed unless funded from other sources such as the Town, CPA, or private donations.

In addition, the Town will maintain those fences that are required for public safety and resource protection purposes; wood fences installed as a visual barrier at the request of property owners (stockade type fences) will need to be maintained by the property owner after installation.

No.	Topic	Sheet	Comment	Signed By	Date	Response (Either from the BFRTAC or the Town Mgr / Town Staff)
1	Fencing / Access	11	Old Pickard Farm Trust II would like an estimate for fencing along both sides of Trust property from trail to White Pond	Holmes + 3 other(s)	3/13/13 AM	
2	Fencing / Access	10 - 12	Stone Root Lane residents who abut the trail are willing to pay for individual trail access from their property (i.e. a gate)	Holmes + 1 other(s)	3/13/13 AM	<i>BFRTAC</i> - There may be some abutting property owners requesting an entry access point through a rail trail fence on the Trail Right-of-Way for their private access convenience not related to any titled easements associated with their property. For such request(s), the requesting property owner(s) would be required to bear the incremental cost of their requested detail feature provided the requested detail remains consistent with other design principals.

3	Fencing / Access	10 - 12	We recommend 3 rail-bolted-with concrete posts (NO CHAIN LINK) fencing for Stone Root Lane Residents. We want to avoid easy removal of rails	Holmes + 5 other(s)	3/13/13 AM	<p><i>BFRTAC</i> -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the west, non pond side of the trail from station 17.5 (See 25% design drawing sheets 10-12) to the Sudbury town line, install a 48" high 3-rail bolted timber rail fence 4' from the trail surface edge. • On the east White Pond side of the trail, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o from station 17.5 to the southern Town/Old Pickard Trust 2 property line, install a 6' high wrought iron style fence 5' from the trail surface edge. Where the pond side slope is significant in this area, the paved trail bed may need to be shifted 2' farther away from the slope to install the fence. o At approximately station 10, we recommend the existing steps that provide access to the Town land be moved some 84 feet south to approximately station 9. o From the new location of the steps to the Sudbury town line, no additional fencing be installed.
4	Turnaround	10	Remove turnaround because if Sudbury doesn't approve the trail, the trail will never be built past Powder Mill Road and if Sudbury does approve the trail, a turnaround is not necessary.	Holmes + 9 other(s)	3/13/13 AM	<i>BFRTAC</i> - Remove turnaround
5	Turnaround	10	We request that, in the event that Sudbury approves the trail, the design plans for the Stone Root Lane section will be annotated to delete the turnaround at the Concord/Sudbury town line.	Holmes + 6 other(s)	3/13/13 AM	<i>BFRTAC</i> - Remove turnaround
6	Contracts	All	We would like information on who lets the construction contracts and how they are let.	Holmes + 6 other(s)	3/13/13 AM	<i>BFRTAC</i> - MassDOT lets, awards & manages
7	Fencing / Access	10 - 11	We request that there be fencing along the trail, from Station 10 to the Sudbury town line, on the pond side, to protect the water quality of White Pond	Blair + 8 other(s)	3/13/13 AM	<i>BFRTAC</i> - The <i>BFRTAC</i> is not recommending a fence along the property line with the Town of Concord land from the relocated steps to the Sudbury Town Line. This decision is based on the immediate topography, a natural deterrent to prevent trail users from leaving the trail. The section from station 10 to the relocated steps has been deferred to the Town Manager.

8	Access	11	Suggest to Trails committee to relocate their steps from trail to town land further from OPFTrust 2 property to make access to private property less obvious and give us a fighting chance to fill in / block ad hoc trails thru our private property	Coutre + 2 other(s)	3/13/13 AM	<i>BFRTAC</i> - The <i>BFRTAC</i> has recommended to <i>GPI</i> to relocate, and improve, the steps to the Town Land to approximately station 9 (field locate), as an access point to the Town Land and to provide feedback to the <i>BFRTAC</i> as to whether current regulations would require a ramp at this location if steps were constructed.
9	Environment	All	I would like to know how the impacts to the wildlife habitat and the environment in general will be answered, monitored and dealt with? If it is evident that, for example, increased illegal swimming at White Pond has had a negative impact to the Pond, what will be done about it, and which agency will be responsible?	Rogers; 210 Old Pickard	3/13/13 PM	<i>BFRTAC</i> - Town staff and the White Pond Advisory Committee is overseeing the People Management Study of the White Pond area. The <i>BFRTAC</i> will review the study outcome.
10		12	Make sure correspondance goes to Amy + John Davagian, 31 Stone Root Lane Concord 978-369-1727	Davagian	3/13/13 PM	<i>BFRTAC</i> - Request <i>OPFT2</i> to provide updated resident contact information list.
11	Parking, Fencing / Access	11 - 12	Concerned about access and parking (including bicycles) on Mitchell Rd and White Ave, especially at Mitchell Rd and Powdermill. Would like to see additional no parking signage and no <i>BFRT</i> or pond access signage. It is an easy entrance point that is continually used. Would like to see locked gate at White Ave access point. Otherwise, great job with compromises made thus far.	Lyon	3/13/13 PM	<i>Town Mgr / Town Staff</i> - The process to request a no parking sign is to submit a request to the Board of Selectmen. The Selectmen will refer the request to the Police Chief for an evaluation and opinion.
12	Fencing / Access	11	Request that fencing along <i>OPFT2</i> land is higher or more distinct.		5/24/13 MTG	<i>BFRTAC</i> - See Item 3.
13	Fencing / Access	10 - 12	On the Stone Root Lane side of the <i>BFRT</i> , we have no position as this is up to you and the private landowners. However, we would prefer that the fencing that goes up be attractive and not block wildlife.	Trails Comm.		<i>BFRTAC</i> - Fencing used in the design will not prohibit wildlife passage.

14	Fencing / Access	10 - 12	On the White Pond side of the BFRT, it is up to the landowners as to what they prefer, except where safety dictates a fence, e.g. at the steep hill going down to the vernal pool. However, where the landowner is the Town of Concord, there should be no fence. This is approximately from the steps from the BFRT to the trail system on the town lands to the Sudbury town line. Again, any fencing put up should be attractive and not block wildlife.	Trails Comm.		<i>BFRTAC</i> - The <i>BFRTAC</i> is not recommending a fence along the property line with the Town of Concord land based on the immediate topography, a natural deterrent to prevent trail users from leaving the trail. See item #3.
15	Fencing / Access	11	There was also a question about moving the steps closer to the Sudbury town line to have it enter the town land further from the OPFT2 land. It was unanimously agreed by the committee that this was not appropriate and we shall not do it.	Trails Comm.	3/27/13	<i>BFRTAC</i> - See Item 3.
16	Fencing / Access	10 - 12	...We ask that you reconsider the current plan and include consistent fencing for all odd numbered houses on Stone Root Lane (13,31,47,65,83,95) from Powdermill Rd to the Concord/Sudbury town line as part of the 25% design.	Galper + 5 others	3/12/13	<i>BFRTAC</i> - For several of these properties, the immediate topography is a natural deterrent to prevent trail users from leaving the trail. However, for property #47 and #65 that have a flatter transition and the <i>BFRTAC</i> will request GPI to add a black, chain link fence (with appropriate wildlife passage measures), as previously requested, with "gate by others" option.
17	Fencing / Access	11 - 12	Erect an effective barrier between the BFRT and the Pond - The BFRT design should include a barrier that prevents BFRT users from leaving the trail and traversing this fragile bank between the trail and the pond. The barrier must be sufficiently tall and impermeable that trespassers cannot easily climb over or through the barrier, and sufficiently long that trespassers are not tempted to walk around the end of barrier.	WPAC	4/8/12	<i>BFRTAC</i> - See Item 3.
18	Fencing / Access	10 - 12	In addition, perhaps the trail could be elevated so that there is a discernible grade difference between the trail and adjacent bank.	WPAC	4/8/12	

19	Signage	11	Display Educational Signage - The BFRT design should not only include signage explaining that the land between the trail and the pond is private property and that trespassing is prohibited, but should also go further and explain why the pond and this bank are so ecologically fragile, and how trespassing on the bank is harmful to the pond. Our hope is that while some trail users may disregard concerns of private property (as they already currently do), hopeful more will gain an understanding of how their actions could unintentionally harm to the pond and then stay on the trail. The signage could also direct BFRT users to other opportunities (i.e. the walking trail network further up the trail) where they can get closer to the pond without creating as much damage.	WPAC	4/8/12	<i>BFRTAC</i> - The <i>BFRTAC</i> intends to include educational and interpretive signage. The <i>BFRTAC</i> is collaborating with the Historic Commission, the <i>WPAC</i> , and the Natural Resources department to determine location and content. Suggestions for content will be forwarded for consideration.
20	Landscape	11	Restore Vegetation on the Bank – An unfortunate consequence of the currently trampled landscape on this bank, is that trail users view the evidence of this prior trespassing to access to the pond and simply follow the beaten trails, further increasing the damage. To break this use pattern, the BFRT design should include re-vegetating this bank.	WPAC	4/12/13	<i>BFRTAC</i> - The <i>BFRTAC</i> will direct <i>GPI</i> to address this concern by providing a solution for banks located within the ROW.
21	Construction	12	Sequence the replacement of the Powder Mill Road culvert with the later phase of trail construction to the Sudbury town line... an enlarged culvert will only suggest that there is more to see further up the trail. Display Educational Signage past the trail terminus...	WPAC	4/8/12	<i>BFRTAC</i> - Culvert is replaced but construct bollards with significant signage to indicate trail ends here.

22	Fencing / Access	10 - 12	...fencing needs to extend the full length of this section on both sides of the trail. This will help to minimize the disturbance to habitat, cut off informal trails from Powder Mill and discourage trespassing on both the Trust Land and individual properties.	OPFT2	10/31/12	BFRTAC - See Item 3.
23	Rest Areas	10 - 12	No rest area in this section of the trail (south of Powdermill)	OPFT2	10/31/12	BFRTAC - The 25% design does not include a rest area south of Powdermill Rd.
24	Fencing / Access	10 - 12	...is the need for gates to allow access to the common trust land...residents whose personal lots abut the trail have each requested a gate...	OPFT2	10/31/12	BFRTAC - Same answer as #2
25	Fencing / Access	10 - 12	Fences should be wildlife friendly, and constructed of materials that will be easy to maintain, continue to look good for the long term and be easy to repair if damaged...no chain-link...granite posts and the newer wood-look composite materials are better choices...	OPFT2	10/31/12	BFRTAC - See Item 3.
26	Fencing / Access	10 - 12	...6' high fence at the Trust property...on (the pond) side with a lockable gate...Trail abutters on the Stone Root side have also requested a 6' high fence with gates that can be locked.	OPFT2	10/31/12	BFRTAC - See Item 3.
27	Landscap e	10 - 12	...hedgerow type plantings to block both view and passage are requested...(along trust property, pond side)...This will include a variety of native plants similar to those growing in the area...	OPFT2	10/31/12	BFRTAC - See Item 3.
28	Signage	All	...general trail information should contain directives to respect private property and stay on the trail...	OPFT2	10/31/12	BFRTAC - The BFRTAC will continue to review ways to inform trail users about respecting abutter and neighborhood properties. Trail signage, brochures and website elements can be used to promote recognition of this issue.
29	Fencing / Access	23	Would like a fence to provide privacy, (6 feet), but with a gate for access.	Neijstrom 316 Comm Ave	6/20/13 PM	BFRTAC - Due to the unique circumstances of the area, the BFRTAC will recommend 6' fence with landscape screening, with optional gates as requested, for the residential Comm Ave property owners.
30	Fencing / Access	21	We do not want a fence, but if there is one, we would want to pass thru to the rail trail. We really hope there is not a tall or ugly fence	Zinner; 31 Derby St	6/20/13 PM	BFRTAC - The 25% design does not propose to add a fence at this location.

31	Fencing / Access	23	Where is the property line? Whose property is the fence on? If the fence is removed, she would like a replacement fence similar to what is there (8' stockade fence).	Roberts; 330A Comm Ave	6/20/13 PM	<i>BFRTAC</i> - Due to the unique circumstances of the area, the <i>BFRTAC</i> will recommend 6' fence with landscape screening, with optional gates as requested, for the residential Comm Ave property owners.
32	Land- scape	23	There are 2 very old large trees - whose roots are entangled in the rails. So when the rails are removed, the trees will die. Don't want to lose the trees. Who would be responsible for removing them when they die? (Ask aborist).	Roberts; 330A Comm Ave	6/20/13 PM	<i>BFRTAC</i> - The <i>BFRTAC</i> recommends landscape screening in this area.
33	Prison / Comm Ave	23	Where will the rail trail be located on the ROW behind Commonwealth? Where will the prison road be located? Where will the rail trail be located?	Roberts; 330A Comm Ave	6/20/13 PM	<i>BFRTAC</i> - GPI will provide a new drawing after the latest survey detail is incorporated.
34	Fencing / Access	23	Privacy fence. Gate would be nice but would be more interested in high fence.	Stronach; 308 Comm Ave	6/20/13 PM	<i>BFRTAC</i> - Due to the unique circumstances of the area, the <i>BFRTAC</i> will recommend 6' fence with landscape screening, with optional gates as requested, for the residential Comm Ave property owners.
35	Land- scape	23	Would like to know intention of trees on the border today.	Stronach; 308 Comm Ave	6/20/13 PM	<i>BFRTAC</i> - The <i>BFRTAC</i> recommends landscape screening in this area.
36	Fencing / Access	19	Our foremost concern is safety. We have a young son who is used to roaming and playing freely in our backyard, including climbing up and down to the railbed 15' below our back hill. We would like fo our property to be as inaccessible and unattractive as possible to trail users. The photos presented on Tuesday showed a low wooden fence, which would do very little to keep people out (or in; right now the vegetation there keeps him from falling down the hill.) We are open to other possibilities such as a high fence or hedge, and "no trespassing" signs.	Carocci; 461 Old Marlb.	6/20/13 Email	<i>BFRTAC</i> - The <i>BFRTAC</i> is not recommending a fence within the right-of-way based on the immediate topography, a natural deterrent to prevent trail users from leaving the trail. The limit of work shown on the plans does not appear to impact vegetation on the slope.

37	Non-motor Use	All	We are also extremely concerned about the types of usage that might be allowed on the trail. Are there specific plans to exclude vehicles such as ATVs, motorcycles, motorized kids' scooters, Segways, and snow mobiles?...Can there be specific exclusions in the posted rules, as well as stone posts or gates set up at the trail entrances to deter these motorized vehicles? What will be done to enforce the rules? Can there be speed bumps installed especially on the long stretches after crossing the Assabet?	Carocci; 461 Old Marl.	6/20/13 Email	<i>BFRTAC</i> - The trail has been defined as non-motorized use and this will be posted on trail rules signage. There will be no speed bumps. Trail enforcement is provided by local law enforcement.
38	Safety	All	Will there be regular patrols to deal with trespassing, littering, graffiti, etc? If someone parks in our driveway, will the police respond if we call them?...	Carocci; 461 Old Marl.	6/20/13 Email	<i>Town Mgr / Town Staff</i> - The Police Department uses bicycles as part of their regular patrol of business districts and recreational areas and will include the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail in the recreational areas patrolled. Occasional, routine patrols will occur normally as with all public property. If problems are identified or complaints received, the Police Department may respond with directed patrols to address the problem and may enlist the assistance of other Town departments.
39	Parking	19	There is an unpaved side road close to us that leads to a garage and intersects the railroad. Unless there are "no parking" signs posted, this could become an unofficial parking lot for the trail, and an unwanted access point to our backyard. Sometimes the farmer/garage user puts up a chain at the entrance, which would deter people from parking. We hope that this would be allowed to continue.	Carocci; 461 Old Marl.	6/20/13 Email	<i>Town Mgr / Town Staff</i> - The process to request a no parking sign is to submit a request to the Board of Selectmen. The Selectmen will refer the request to the Police Chief for an evaluation and opinion.

40	Land- scape	19	The back of our property has a lot of vegetation, some of which would presumably be removed during construction. How much will be replaced? How high will the canopy go? We feel strongly that the rural aspect of the trail would be enhanced by a canopy no higher than 15'-20'....How much of the back of the hill will need to be removed, if any, and will the hillside be reinforced or stabilized to keep it from eroding?...	Carocci; 461 Old Marlb.	6/20/13 Email	<i>BFRTAC</i> - The limit of work shown on the plans does not appear to impact the slope. Federal and state shared-use path guidelines have suggested canopy heights at 8' - 12'.
41	Environ- ment	All	Can the trail be constructed using the smallest equipment possible?	Carocci; 461 Old Marlb.	6/20/13 Email	<i>BFRTAC</i> - The committee is in favor of indicating the desire for minimizing the size of the construction equipment in environmentally sensitive areas, especially in Jennie Dugan swamp & White pond areas.
42	Environ- ment	All	How much mitigation of possible contaminants will need to be done when removing the old rails and ties?...an estimate would be helpful	Carocci; 461 Old Marlb.	6/20/13 Email	<i>Town Mgr / Town Staff</i> - The estimated cost of removing rails and ties would be included in the 100% design. It is anticipated that any potentially contaminated soils will be capped with asphalt – there is no intent to remove soil from the right-of-way.
43	Lighting	All	We were happy to hear that there are no plans to provide lighting along the trail and we hope that that will not change.	Carocci; 461 Old Marlb.	6/20/13 Email	<i>BFRTAC</i> - There are no plans to include lighting.
44	Fencing / Access	10 - 12	We are also concerned that access to White Pond be minimized with appropriate fencing, signage, and enforcement of parking bans.	Carocci; 461 Old Marlb.	6/20/13 Email	<i>BFRTAC</i> - See Item 3.
45	Bridges	20 - 21	As you know, my primary interest is the river crossing. At our last discussions I think we were basically on the same page about the type of bridge and the approaches. We would like to have a resting spot along the trail at the river, perhaps a picnic table and an interp panel....	Steppach er; 37 Derby St, also NPS	6/19/13 Email	<i>BFRTAC</i> - Send a copy of the Bridge Type Selection response re: Assabet River Bridge to Lee.
46	Safety	10 - 12	Should have ranger enforcement of preventing people from damaging slope near White Pond when they try to access the pond	Micheels, +1; 176 Jennie D	6/18/13 PM	<i>Town Mgr / Town Staff</i> - Consideration is being given to fencing along a portion of the trail near White Pond, in an effort to direct BFRT users to appropriate access points and avoid damage to sensitive areas.
47	Non- motorize d Use	All	Should have restrictions for all gasoline powered vehicles, allow electric wheel chairs	Micheels, +1; 176 Jennie D	6/18/13 PM	<i>BFRTAC</i> - Yes.

48	Trail Surface	10 - 16	The surface should be crushed stone along Jennie Dugan marsh and White Pond	Micheels, +1; 176 Jennie D	6/18/13 PM	<i>BFRTAC</i> - The 2008 Town Meeting voted to pave the trail with asphalt and to support specific uses outlined in the motion for Article 29.
49	Street Crossing	12 - 13	Powdermill access should be switch back so bicycles, etc., don't race onto the bike path.	Micheels, +1; 176 Jennie D	6/18/13 PM	<i>BFRTAC</i> - The <i>BFRTAC</i> recommends a switchback be added in the Powder Mill access area.
50	Parking	13	We would like no parking signs on Jennie Dugan Rd.	Micheels, +1; 176 Jennie D	6/18/13 PM	<i>Town Mgr / Town Staff</i> - The process to request a no parking sign is to submit a request to the Board of Selectmen. The Selectmen will refer the request to the Police Chief for an evaluation and opinion.
51	Liability	11	We believe the town should take out insurance for the OPFT2	Micheels, +1; 176 Jennie D	6/18/13 PM	<i>BFRTAC</i> - Liability issues are outside the scope of the <i>BFRTAC</i> . This comment will be forwarded to the Town Manager.
52	Environment	11 15	Can there be educational signage around the special environments of White Pond and Jennie Dugan spring and swamp?	Micheels, +1; 176 Jennie D	6/18/13 PM	<i>BFRTAC</i> - Yes, we are planning to add signage.
53	Trail Route	19 - 20	The approved town meeting plan voted on for the design for the trail sites the rail trail behind our house in the middle of the rail bed which means the trail will not follow the old rail bed - but will be sited in the middle away from the abutters	DeAngelis +1, 368 Old Marl.	6/18/13 PM	<i>BFRTAC</i> - The <i>BFRTAC</i> recommends GPI shift/place the trail and crossing more in the middle of DeAngelis/Holm and DiGiovanni properties to the extent allowed by the AASHTO guidelines including the proximity of South Meadow Ridge.
54	Design Plans	19 - 20	Our septic system needed to be replaced in 2002 requiring a variance from the town which was approved on 4/26/02. The system construction permit was #02-33. Assessors Map E10 parcel #3767-2 signed by Michael Moore. Any final design will need to incorporate this.	DeAngelis +1; 368 Old Marl.	6/18/13 PM	<i>BFRTAC</i> - Ask GPI to integrate the as-built septic drawing #02-105A1 from Concord Board of Health of 368 Old Marlboro Rd into design plans.
55	Street Crossing	19 - 20	Our property abuts the crossing of Old Marlboro Rd. We would like to participate in the final design of the crossing. Looking at pictures of existing trails - Granite posts at the entrance/exits are attractive and act as appropriate barriers to slow the bicycle traffic. We would suggest using these.	DeAngelis +1; 368 Old Marl.	6/18/13 PM	<i>BFRTAC</i> - Granite posts will be used in the design of the street crossing, consistent throughout town. The street crossing design can be reviewed at the 75% submittal.

56	Fencing / Access	19 - 20	We live in a corner lot. People walk down the rail bed and even now cut across our property. For trespass and safety issues - we would need a fence (or shrubbery) to prevent people from walking through. We would also like to participate in this design.	DeAngelis +1; 368 Old Marl.	6/18/13 PM	BFRTAC - The BFRTAC recommends standard timber rail fence at the property line to prevent trail users from cutting the corner at the street crossing.
57	Design Plans	19 - 20	There is an easement on our property for the telephone company. The detailed design needs to consider this (we didn't see it noted on the blueprints).	DeAngelis +1; 368 Old Marl.	6/18/13 PM	BFRTAC - Drawing #02-105A1 shows telephone box but not easement. Request that property owner provide a plot plan that shows the easement. The BFRTAC will defer to the planning office the investigation of this easement.
58	Lighting	All	Our understanding is that there is no lighting planned for the trail. If this assumption is incorrect or changes we would appreciate you notifying us.	DeAngelis +1; 368 Old Marl.	6/18/13 PM	BFRTAC - There are no plans to include lighting.
59	Fencing / Access	24 - 25	Would like a fence the entire way along her property line, approximately 1100 feet. What is the design firm proposing to do for fencing at this location?	Gerow; 369 Comm Ave.	6/18/13 AM	BFRTAC - The BFRTAC has recommended to GPI to include a standard 2 timber 2-rail fence from the Commonwealth Ave intersection to station 160 (approx.. 350') on the pond side. The fence should be located closer to the property line while minimizing the impact to existing flora and minimizing congestion on the trail.
60	Trail Route	19 - 20	We are concerned about the trail's proximity to #406 Old Marlboro Rd. It should be shifted back toward the middle of the ROW or bend the trail the opposite way.	DiGiovanni; 144 Sudbury Rd.	6/18/13 AM	BFRTAC - The BFRTAC recommends GPI shift/place the trail and crossing more in the middle of DeAngelis/Holm and DiGiovanni properties to the extent allowed by the AASHTO guidelines including the proximity of South Meadow Ridge.
61	Fencing / Access	19	We are concerned about the screening and fence along the South Meadow Ridge property line, particularly where the trail passes the backyard of 1 South Meadow Ridge, Tom Malender is owner at #1.	Beer; 19 South Mdw	6/18/13 AM	BFRTAC - The BFRTAC is not recommending a fence within the right-of-way based on the immediate topography, a natural deterrent to prevent trail users from leaving the trail. Landscaping within the right-of-way would not provide line-of-site screening due to the topography.
62	Fencing / Access	19	South Meadow Ridge property line fencing. Will there be fencing? Fencing is not currently shown on the map - how can the fencing be included in the project to protect the property?	?	6/18/13 AM	BFRTAC - The BFRTAC has no plans to fence along this property line.
63	Trail Route	21 - 22	What will be the final route through West Concord?	?	6/18/13 AM	BFRTAC - The Town has presented to the MBTA a new alignment of the trail that travels behind the old West Concord Supermarket property, rather than the sidewalk. MassDOT/MBTA has recently approved the new alignment.

64	Maintenance	All	Will there be waste collection on the trail? Where will trashcans be located? Who will be responsible for emptying the trashcans? How frequently?	?	6/18/13 AM	BFRTAC - The trail rules are carry-in, carry-out. No trash cans planned.
65	Safety	12 - 13	The tunnel can be dangerous (a good place for someone to hide and get a victim). How will safety in the tunnel be addressed?	?	6/18/13 AM	Town Mgr / Town Staff - The tunnel is proposed to be replaced with a larger opening as is typical of most rail trails, making it easier to see and be seen.
66	Liability	18 - 19	If someone drowns in South Meadow pond, who is responsible?	?	6/18/13 AM	BFRTAC - It appears that the pond is approximately 600' from the rail trail on private property and adjacent to Concord Country Club. Liability issues are outside the scope of the BFRTAC.
67	Trail Route	22	Has the committee analyzed the connection to the Minuteman rail trail? The reformatory branch is the best connector - has the committee examined the issues for future connections	Hill; 316 Harrington Ave.	6/18/13 AM	BFRTAC - The development of the reformatory branch is outside the charge of the BFRTAC.
68	Bridges	19 - 20	The committee should contact the railroad to find the availability of surplus bridges.	Hill; 316 Harrington Ave.	6/18/13 AM	BFRTAC - This option had been reviewed previously by the BFRTAC and the committee has chosen implementing a new bridge.
69	Signage	All	The interpretive signage on the trail should include references to H.D. Thoreau. Thoreau wrote about White Pond - should expand our support groups.	Hill; 316 Harrington Ave.	6/18/13 AM	BFRTAC - This content will be considered by the sign content sub-committee.
70	Signage	All	The committee should include information regarding the Walden Pond Leaf out study (Harvard / Boston University) in our interpretive signs to expand our support.	Hill; 316 Harrington Ave.	6/18/13 AM	BFRTAC - This content will be considered by the sign content sub-committee.
71	Maintenance	All	Who will maintain mowing of the ROW after the trail is built?	Hart; Winthrop St.	6/20/13 AM	Town Mgr / Town Staff - The Town will be responsible for maintaining the trail after it is built, and it is hoped that there will be a partnership with the Friends of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail and others to assist with any necessary mowing and clean-up. It is anticipated that a gift account will be established to assist in this on-going maintenance responsibility and the Town Manager will add a line item to his budget for the future maintenance of the trail.
72	EOT	23	Manhole removed near station #145 on the plans, (near Winthrop St.) The hole is about 20' in diameter - battery boxes appear to still be in the hole.	Hart; Winthrop St.	6/20/13 AM	BFRTAC - Now that the BFRT is a TIP funded project, ask David Shedd to request from EOT, or responsible department, communication regarding any activity within the ROW.

73	Parking	24	Can there be increased parking at the Commonwealth lot?	Johnston e; Pine St.	6/20/13 AM	BFRTAC - We will maximize the number of spaces depending on the size of the easement that is granted.
74	Traffic	22	What is the access easement of Winthrop Road? Is the easement limited to housing or universal in nature? If the prison uses this road there will be a lot of traffic. If the proposed multiple residential project is in one large building and if this project has access to Winthrop St, there will be a lot of traffic crossing the trail.	Hart; Winthrop St.	6/20/13 AM	BFRTAC - Refer to ANR plan, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Exec. Order 22EX. p. 479, on file in the planning office.
75	Design Plans	21 - 24	There is a lot of pressure of development along the trail ROW.	Hart; Winthrop St.	6/20/13 AM	BFRTAC - Through communication via committee liaisons to the CHDC, WCAC, the Concord Prison, and town staff in the planning office, the BFRTAC is kept aware of the various development impacts to the trail design.
76	Environ- ment	12 - 13	Problems with invasive species (swallow tail) at Powder Mill ramp area. The committee needs to be sure that these invasive species are removed prior to construction of they may spread down the trail and destroy native species and ecosystems (Jennie Dugan swamp). Oriental bittersweet is also a concern	Rogers; 210 Old Pickard	6/20/13 AM	<i>Town Mgr / Town Staff</i> - It should be noted that it is unrealistic to remove all invasive species along the BFRT, as they are well established within the trail right of way and adjacent lands. However, the 100% design and construction documents will address the issue of invasive species removal and control for the project. This will also be part of the Notice of Intent permitting process under the Wetlands Protection Act and Wetlands Bylaw.
77	Environ- ment	All	How will the wildlife value of the wetlands be impacted? How will these areas be protected? There is a blue Heron rookery which may be impacted by the traffic. Impervious surface area will affect the drainage and the wildlife. Canopy trimming will impact wildlife	Rogers; 210 Old Pickard	6/20/13 AM	<i>Town Mgr / Town Staff</i> - The Town does not anticipate trimming the canopy; the effects to wildlife habitat will be evaluated during the permitting process and will be included in the 100% design documents.
78	Trail Surface	All	Can DCR conglomerate paving be used in wetland areas (it is pervious)	Rogers; 210 Old Pickard	6/20/13 AM	BFRTAC - Town meeting voted to pave the trail with asphalt and to support specific uses outlined in the motion for Article 29.
79	Safety	10 - 12	Safety issues regarding illegal access to White Pond - how will these be addressed?	Rogers; 210 Old Pickard	6/20/13 AM	<i>Town Mgr / Town Staff</i> - There may be a need to have a presence upon opening the trail to observe the situation, evaluate the extent and nature of any problem then patrol and enforce as needed. Proper fencing and signage should keep the vast majority of users on the trail.

80	Environment, Access	17	Mountain bikers will use the trail and then cut over to the Rifle range area - in the spring when there is mud they will destroy the trails, etc.	Rogers; 210 Old Pickard	6/20/13 AM	BFRTAC - The Rifle Range is currently open for bike use.
81	Safety	?	The ladder on the semaphore may be a possible safety issue and should be addressed before the trail is opened.	Keutman n	6/20/13 AM	BFRTAC - The BFRTAC will like to protect this artifact intact. The BFRTAC will request that GPI provide a safe solution.
82	Signage	21	There should be an information kiosk across the street from the Junction Park which is an entrance to the trail. The information should include the importance of trains to West Concord.	Keutman n; 128 Heaths Bridge	6/20/13 AM	Same as #19.
83	Bridges	22	The stone work on the abutments for the Nashoba Brook crossing should be preserved.	Keutman n; 128 Heaths Bridge	6/20/13 AM	
84	Access	22	The tenant of 30 Beharrell St needs to get a truck behind his building once a week (month?). Limiting or prohibiting parking on weekday mornings will help ensure that the trucks that need to access his "dust collection system" can be emptied and minimize commuters from parking in the spaces. There should not be any curbing demarking the parking area so trucks can access the rear of the businesses as needed.	Wassink; 30 Beharrell	6/20/13 AM	BFRTAC - We will request no curb along this section for truck access. We will ask tenant for "curb-free" area sketch and we can forward to GPI.
85	Fencing / Access	All	General comment about fencing & gates to/from private property. Make sure design guidance also includes language about any steps at gates that might be required due to topography.	Ofria; 336 Comm Ave.	6/21/13 MTG	BFRTAC - Design Guidance Principles; also notify Rich about residential Comm Ave response.

86	Fencing / Access	15	Plans for fencing or privacy plantings. It was our understanding at the 25% design review phase and at town meeting that abutters would have the option of either privacy fencing or shrubbery. Is this correct? Will there be safety fencing on the other side (i.e., along our property line)? We would strongly support that because the drop off on the west side is comparable to that on the other side... Has the rail fencing been chosen? Wood fencing would be terrific to maintain the quality of a nature trail.	Huber; 38-40 Williams	5/22/13 Email; 7/8/13 Email	BFRTAC - GPI has very recently completed the trail survey. Your comments will be provided for consideration with the latest survey information. The preferred fencing option along the trail is the standard "timber rail fencing."
87	Rest Areas	15	A proposed seating area abutting our property. We strongly request that this not be sited near private land when there is so much a great deal of public/town land along this stretch of trail. It could be easily moved down by the wetlands near the pumping station (town property listed as 1045 Old Marlboro Road)...we hope that they will provide rustic seating in keeping with this tract of land.	Huber; 38-40 Williams	5/22/13 Email; 7/8/13 Email	BFRTAC - The design firm has been given the input from the trail neighbors and the school administration. With the proximity of the wetlands, the BFRTAC has recommended to the design firm that they consult with Concord's Natural Resource Division when determining the final location of the rest area.
88	Lighting	15	Lighting options under discussion; we are concerned about light pollution	Huber; 38-40 Williams	5/22/13 Email; 7/8/13 Email	BFRTAC - There are no plans to include lighting.

89	Street Crossing	15	Plans for how the trail's intersection of our driveway will be handled. (1) We wonder if town approved conduits could be laid beneath the trail that are suitable for water, sewer, and gas lines to ensure that we can access these amenities in the future if we wish.... (2) Will the surface of the trail be level with our drive or will it have a higher profile?...Will the asphalt be graded to provide a smooth and safe transition from pavement to dirt?...if yes,how will it affect water runoff?...Concerned about how this water runoff will affect the surface of their gravel drive (impact to plowing, etc)	Huber; 3840 Williams	5/22/13 Email	<i>BFRTAC</i> - (1) The <i>BFRTAC</i> will defer the conduit question to the planning office and CPW for response. (2) Some details are on pages 3, 7, and 15 of the 25% plans. The apron will have a smooth and safe transition from pavement to dirt. Water management design is shown on the plans.
90	Process	All	What is the process for responding to these issues? How will decisions be made to address abutter's concerns? How will we be notified of decisions? ...What is the process for making decisions on (plantings) issues? Will we be asked for input at any other stages? If possible, we'd like to have some input about the plantings.	Huber; 3840 Williams	7/8/2013 Email	<i>BFRTAC</i> - The comments & responses will be posted on the website. A letter will be sent to the commenters informing them.
91	Landscap e	15	In areas that abut our land, where trees and/or remaining undergrowth will be removed, we request that some native shrubbery be planted.	Huber; 3840 Williams	7/8/2013 Email	<i>BFRTAC</i> - As shown on sheet #15, the limit of work is narrow due to the surrounding wetlands between the trail and this property which is thirty feet away. Tree and plant removal is expected to be minimal.
92	Signage	15	Because the trail will bisect the roughly quarter-mile right of way (ROW) that leads to our property, how will you demarcate that this dirt ROW is private?...We do not recall seeing any suggested privacy signage in the design. Can we get more information? Has this come up elsewhere on the trial? If so, how will it be handled?	Huber; 3840 Williams	7/8/2013 Email	<i>BFRTAC</i> - See also #28. The <i>BFRTAC</i> has asked GPI to install privacy signage consistent with that used in Phase 2A for private right-of-ways (ROWS) and farm roads that cross the railroad ROW.

93	Environment	15	We request that the town take steps to mitigate the impact of asphalt on the stretch of trail that runs from the Assabet River to the Sudbury town line...We'd like to understand how the design will prevent unnecessary storm water runoff generally and specifically what steps are being taken to safeguard our (wetlands, and) watersupply.	Huber; 3840 Williams	7/8/2013 Email	<i>Town Mgr / Town Staff</i> - These concerns were identified during the 25% design and will be addressed in the 100% design and the permitting process.
94	Signage/ Material	15	We hope that the materials selected reflect New England...signage about how materials were chosen..Encourage rough stone, wood benches such as Ipe ("Ironwood") or black locust: www.ablacklocust.com ...Even something like Trex...Discourage metal benches with cement piers	Huber; 3840 Williams	7/8/2013 Email	Same as #19.
95	Environment		Phase 2B: How do we protect nesting turtles near Warner's pond?	Two Feathers	7/31/13 WCAC meeting	Though this section is in Phase 2B, the Phase 2C design firm (GPI) has been notified about this concern. The BFRTAC will confer with GPI and the Natural Resources department to determine the centerline of the Phase 2C segment of trail as it approaches this area. This topic will be revisited during the design of Phase 2B.
96	Trail Surface	All	Consider GreenPatch product for surface	DeAngelis +1	9/11/13 Email	
97	Trail Surface	All	Consider colored asphalt	Appel	9/13/13 Email	
98	Safety	19-20	Concerned about the safety of the Old Marlboro Rd street crossing. Some sort of warning light is suggested	Prior trail site walk	Prior trail site walk	<i>BFRTAC</i> - The crosswalk signs that are used in Phase 2A have a pedestrian-activated LED warning light, referred to as a Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon (RRFB).
99	Fencing / Access		Fencing behind our house to create some privacy and lessen the noise. Some shrubbery would be great as well.	Hoey	9/16/13 Email	<i>BFRTAC</i> - 6' stockade from station 72.5 to ~74.5 at the property line.
100	Safety		Shrubbery along Williams Road near Old Marlboro to discourage parking and/or no parking signs. This is a narrow dangerous stretch.	Hoey	9/16/13 Email	<i>Town Mgr / Town Staff</i> - The process to request a no parking sign is to submit a request to the Board of Selectmen. The Selectmen will refer the request to the Police Chief for an evaluation and opinion. If sightline clearing is required, we have directed GPI to consider low plantings /boulders to help prevent illegal parking.

101	Signage		Private Road sign at the beginning of the road in front of 34 Williams Road to deter bikes/cars from heading down.	Hoey	9/16/13 Email	<i>BFRTAC</i> - This is the decision of the private owner of the road at this location. We suggest that you speak with the municipal light plant regarding any coordination of this.
102	Signage		Private Road sign near light plan to keep bikes from leaving the trail.	Hoey	9/16/13 Email	<i>BFRTAC</i> - The <i>BFRTAC</i> will ask GPI for suggestions and whether any privacy signage is used in Phase 2A.
103	Lighting		No lighting behind house	Hoey	9/16/13 Email	<i>BFRTAC</i> - There is no lighting planned for the trail.
104	Signage		Private property sign at OPFT2			
105	Fencing		Recommend a fence built from durable material (not untreated wood...) that is high enough to prevent trail users from climbing over the fence or through it when they see the pond...	Gerzon	10/4/13	<i>BFRTAC</i> - See Item 3.
106	Land- scape		Vegetation barriers placed frequently enough along the fence...high and wide enough become a natural barrier to deter users from accessing the walking trails for cycling and the pond for swimming...	Gerzon	10/4/13	<i>BFRTAC</i> - See Item 3.
107	Signage		Several signs placed at regular intervals clearly indicating that this area is posted "No Swimming", "No Off Trail Biking", "Respect Private Property" and "Respect Conservation Land and Restoration Projects". The most effective signs must include a fine payable to the town of Concord for illegal swimming.	Gerzon	10/4/13	
108			A statement in all information about the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail noting that swimming is illegal from conservation, reservation and private land at White Pond.	Gerzon	10/4/13	
109			The <i>BFRT</i> community's active support for a comprehensive, effective and properly funded White Pond management program that will ensure that the dramatic increase in number of visitors to the pond will not result in its irreversible degradation.	Gerzon	10/4/13	

110	Fencing		The plans for the section between Powder Mill Road and the Sudbury Town Line must absolutely include extensive fencing, fencing which is different and more difficult to cross than that along other areas.	Inglis	9/29/13	BFRTAC - See Item 3.
111	Signage		Those plans must also include signage that will effectively inform users of that section that it is not appropriate or legal to stop, leave the trail, and go to the Pond.	Inglis	9/29/13	
112	Fencing/ Signage		I fear that without proper fencing, signage and people management, this wonderful place will be overrun by people and be ruined...The current recommendations under consideration by the BFRTAC are not adequate.	Ellwood	10/1/13	BFRTAC - See Item 3
113	Environ- ment	All	There should be baseline photographic and narrative documentation of the rail road right-of-way in context before any construction or related activities begin so that this can be compared with the condition after construction and periods of use....	Rogers	10/16/13	<i>Town Mgr / Town Staff</i> - This is a good idea and will be recommended to be added to the 100% design documents. If not funded by MassDOT; alternative funding resources may/will be identified.
114	Safety		The BFRTAC should require that the Town have provisions for staff to enforce appropriate conduct associated with the trail, including illegal swimming. Details would include a line-item budget for staff salary, predetermined fines and penalties, how guidelines will be posted, and other related specifics.	Rogers	10/16/13	<i>Town Mgr / Town Staff</i> - It is not typical for communities constructing rail trails to create new enforcement staffing positions. The Town will use existing staff to enforce use rules. Guidelines for trail users will likely be posted at appropriate trail head points. The Town Manager will be adding a line item to the annual budget beginning in 2016 for on-going physical maintenance of the trail, including mowing, trash removal and minor repair work.

115	Environment	all	In the event of significant impacts to the lands contiguous with the rail trail, there needs to be a clear process for correcting the problems. What agency has jurisdiction? How will fines be issued? Whom is responsible for mitigation? Who will decide if changes have to be made or whether parts of the trail have to be rerouted?	Rogers	10/16/13	<i>Town Mgr / Town Staff</i> - No impacts to lands contiguous to the rail trail are anticipated during construction. The construction project will be under the purview of the MassDOT; Concord Public Works-Engineering Division will likely be the local agency responsible for monitoring the project. If a problem arises, the nature and extent of the problem would be evaluated and solutions would be developed and implemented. Fines would only be used as a last resort if there is no resolution or action taken. Mitigation would be determined by the nature of the problem. It is not anticipated that parts of the trail would be rerouted to be outside the lay-out for the former railroad right-of-way.
116	Fencing		...but we understand that the current plans do not propose any fencing along the trail adjacent to the vernal pool. I believe this is a significant miss and that it is imperative there is a fence placed there to protect this ecosystem....Please add fencing along the route in this location to protect this natural resource	Mizrahi	10/14/13	<i>BFRTAC</i> - The 25% design currently has fencing along the vernal pool. The <i>BFRTAC</i> recommends the standard bolted timber rail fencing rather than split rail fencing.
117	Fencing		Install at least a 3-rail wood fence (no metal or chain-link) that is durable, long-lasting and is of significant height to discourage access to private property.	Goodman	10/24/13 email	
118	Maintenance		Want to understand the maintenance plan and budget for long term care of the fence and shrubbery.	Goodman	10/24/13 email	
119	Parking		...request that the committee, Town and parking enforcement work with the neighborhood to find the best solution to restrict and manage parking...understand how the Police Department will enforce the plan	Goodman	10/24/13 email	<i>Town Mgr / Town Staff</i> - Police would evaluate the extent and nature of any problem then patrol and enforce as needed.
120	Lighting		...requesting that no lights be place in or around the trail.	Goodman	10/24/13 email	<i>BFRTAC</i> - There is no lighting planned for the trail.

121	Landscap e		...requesting that tree and landscape removal be minimized and that before any trees are removed the abutters see an itemized list to better understand the impact. We request a public review of the trees under Massachusetts Law Chapter 87	Goodman	10/24/13 3 email	<i>Town Mgr / Town Staff</i> - Trees along the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail will not be subject to individual shade tree hearings as provided under MGL Ch. 87 because they are not considered to be public shade trees as defined by this section.
122	Mainten ance		...request a periodic patrol of the pathway by sanitation personnel for the purpose of trash removal...	Goodman	10/24/13 3 email	<i>Town Mgr / Town Staff</i> - The Town will coordinate efforts of the Friends and others interested in maintaining the trail as needed. It is anticipated that people will be encouraged to "carry-in/carry-out" and take responsibility for their own trash.
123	Maint- enance		...request the Town maintain tree and debris removal after storms.	Goodman	10/24/13 3 email	<i>Town Mgr / Town Staff</i> - The town will provide for clean-up and debris removal after storms using available staff and resources. This clean-up effort will be done in coordination with all other clean-up efforts.
124	Fencing		..we request an appropriate barrier along the trail to prevent garbage in the vernal area...	Goodman	10/24/13 3 email	<i>Town Mgr / Town Staff</i> - Only if and when there is a problem with garbage would the Town consider a barrier or other means to address rubbish.
125	Rest Areas		...requesting that no rest area, bathrooms or benches be placed in or around the trail from Powdermill Rd to Williams Rd.	Goodman	10/24/13 3 email	
126	Fencing		Vernal pool to Sudbury, both sides, 48" tall, 3 rails, 3' off trail surface edge.	Roberts, etc.		<i>BFRTAC</i> - See Item 3
127	Fencing		Additional 6' high fence, pond side, stockade at property line, north OPFT2 property line to station 11.5, then convert to 2 or 3 wire fence to south OPFT2 property line.	Roberts, etc.		<i>BFRTAC</i> - See Item 3
128	Access		ADA compliant steps, 100 ft south of current location.	Roberts, etc.		<i>BFRTAC</i> - See Item 3