

**LARA Board Meeting, January 10, 2018 @ 6:00 pm**  
**Lowell City Hall**

**Attendance-** Perry Beachum, Betsy Davidson, Gary Goff, Greg Canfield, Mark Anderson, Heather Hoffman **Guests:** Ron Gunderson, Robert Brown, Dave Austin

**Minutes-** November and December minutes supported by Hoffman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anderson

**Treasurer's Report-** Payments to BHT&D for \$1,945.00, Lowell Expo (booth rental) for \$120.00, Chamber of Commerce membership for \$120.00, Williams and Works for Phase 1A for \$5782.07. Supported by Beachum, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Canfield.

**Public Comments:** None

**Phase 1A-Gee Drive to M-21:** Dave Austin reported that seasonal construction had stopped by Thanksgiving. Work completed so far is under budget. Mark Anderson reported that funds are being sought from the Community Fund and LCTV for spring/summer trail completion.

**Phase 2: Rail-Trail Connection:** The connection route through Lowell known as Route B/C is still being considered, but it can be altered by direction from LARA board. Current projected connection route costs are about \$2.2 million. LARA needs an updated Recreation Plan. Dave Austin is working on this.

There was a lengthy discussion about alternate options for Route B/C. The LARA board authorized consensus to move forward with the following potential changes to Route B/C:

1. A 10-foot path along the entire length of Bowes Road from the Phase 1A extension trail at the corner of Alden Nash and M-21 to the corner of Bowes Road and Hudson Street.
2. A trail usage bridge across the Grand River at the Jackson Street bridge.

**Adjourn:** 9:05 p.m.

Gary Goff, LARA Secretary