



**Board Meeting, December 10, 2014 @ 6:00 pm  
Lowell City Hall**

**Attendance** - LARA Board Members; Al Halbeisen, Perry Beachum, Mari Stone, Betsy Davidson, Mark Anderson, Gary Goff, Jim Hall. Also present: Dave Austin

**Minutes** – November meeting minutes were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report** –Davidson gave Treasurer's report –Bills to be paid: \$75 to Clean Cut for September mowing, \$85.00 to Terre Verde for boulder installation. Motion to approve payables by Stone, second by Goff, **motion carried**.

**Public Comment** – It was noted that the stray bench still needs to be moved to the second rest stop on the Alden Nash hill.

**Recommendation of Adoption – Amended LARA Agreement** – Davidson motioned to approve the amended agreement as presented, and to recommend adoption by the three municipalities. Anderson seconded, and the **motion carried**.

**Phase 1-A and Phase 2 / Connections to FMRVRT** - Dave Austin gave an updated report of the options as discussed in November – these updates included the B&C Routes, Cost Estimates, Summary Table, LARA Preferred Route. He will submit a draft report to funders - the DNR in January, and to MDOT at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

*Mari Stone*

Respectfully submitted,  
Mari Stone  
LARA Secretary

**Commonly used acronyms;**

Fred Meijer River Valley Rail Trails – (FMRVRT)  
Kent County Road Commission (KCRC)  
Lowell Area Schools (LAS)  
Lowell Education Foundation (LEF)  
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)  
Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR)  
Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)  
North Country Trail Association (NCTA)  
West Michigan Trails & Greenways Coalition (WMTGC)  
Wittenbach – Wege Center (WWC)

Greenville to Owosso – (GO)  
Lowell Area Recreation Authority (LARA)  
Lowell Area Community Fund (LACF)  
Lowell Light & Power (LLP)  
Lowell Cable TV Fund (LCTV)  
Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance (MTGA)  
Safe Routes to School (SR2S)  
Trail Resources Enrichment and Development  
(TREAD)

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