

Long, Markey added to trails committee

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LYNNFIELD – Selectmen have approved two members for the town's new Recreational Path Committee that will work on the topic of bringing a rail trail project to town.

A bike trail project, still in the very preliminary stages of planning, could in several years run from downtown Wakefield through Reedy Meadow in Lynnfield along the old railbed to the Peabody line, connecting with

other rail trails in the region.

Janet Long and Joseph Markey were approved unanimously by the selectmen. Lang has lived in town for 26 years, has an MS degree in management and extensive volunteer experience and works in the healthcare industry. She called the project "a challenging issue that hasn't been settled yet" and said she would work to ensure that all voices in the discussion are heard.

Markey, 20, is a full-time student at Merrimack College, who has worked for the Mass. Depart-

ment of Transportation and MBTA and who earlier this spring won a write-in campaign for a seat on the Lynnfield Housing Authority in his first political campaign.

Before voting for both committee members, Selectman Tom Teranova emphasized to them that numerous abutters had expressed strong concerns about the rail trail project at a meeting in town earlier this year. Both Markey and Long also drew strong praise from selectmen for their willingness to be involved with helping the town.

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