

Camden Rockport Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathways Committee
Minutes
Jan 8, 2020 – Rockport Town Office
7:00 pm

Present:

Geoff Scott – Camden
Anita Brosius-Scott (minutes) – Camden
Richard Stetson – Camden
Lynda Clancy – Rockport
Andrew Stancioff – Camden
Margo Murphy – Rockport
Alison McKellar – Camden Select Board Liaison

Absent:

Robert Davis – Camden
Helen Shaw – Rockport
Jane Self – Camden, Alternate
Owen Casas – Rockport
Jeff Hamilton – Rockport Select Board Liaison

Dec Minutes - The minutes were accepted as amended.

New Members – starting with Feb meeting, agreed to change meeting time to 5:30-7 pm, still first Wed of each month. Geoff will let Heidi Baker know. Geoff will also speak to both towns about meeting room availability.

Safety Audit – Dave and Audra were planning to join the meeting, but a conflict arose. They were planning to discuss a Pedestrian Safety audit the town will undertake with MDOT. Information meeting will be in Feb. If we complete the audit, could qualify for additional MDOT funds for construction.

Maritime Farms – tied to Shirttail sidewalk construction as well. An abutter has hired a lawyer for a peer review of what G&D has engineered assuring what the town is proposing will actually improve drainage. Hopefully this review will not take more than a few weeks.

Riverwalk – Knowlton section – Geoff requested a copy of the final financials from Beth Ward for this section of the trail. We used all but \$10K of the RTP grant, so in the end we probably wouldn't have had enough funds to construct either trail spur. Most of the matching funds from Camden came from 'gifts-in-kind', that is work done by Town employees.

Riverwalk – Wastewater Treatment Plant – Geoff was part of a Plant Workshop with SB members Alison, Bob, Mark with Dave Bolstridge, some of his staff, Audra Calar-Bell, Jeremy Martin, and Wright Pierce (the engineers), regarding the WWTP upgrade. A lot of time was spent walking around the facility discussing where the Riverwalk would hopefully be built and sharing with the engineers concerns about avoiding building any barriers to a future Riverwalk. It

was also mentioned that the facility should be as pedestrian accessible as possible. That is, give as much town land back to the community as possible, rather than fencing it off. For example, moving the existing fence line closer to the WWTP facility in various locations. Engineers seemed receptive and open to suggestions. Dave and engineers were charged with coming up with some ideas and proposals to bring back to the SB. Geoff to write a summary email of action items to Dave with cc to SB.

Route 90 – would be good to know the extent of the right-of-way for the road between Rte 17 and Rte 1.

Connector Summit – info being posted on both town websites assuring the meeting is public. Invites were sent to local land trusts and Island Institute. Opportune because Island Institute is working with NRCM to redo their master plan with consideration of climate change and transportation issues. Will need to present a map of the area. Best case can overlay everyone's plans, but also good to just show people where their work is occurring. General goals:

What currently exists...

The great work that Land trusts have done and parks to get the public into nature... how do we connect the towns so that we don't have to drive our cars to these places....

What are the issues groups come up against when planning and implementing?

Sidewalk Survey - Possible tools using crowdsource technology: Survey123 and Collector for ArcGIS.

Bike Awareness Map – Anita redid map, still in process of consolidating information with Andrew to pass onto Dave St. Laurent.

Camden Downtown Drainage Project – Lynda reports that Maria Libby sent or will send a letter of construction and easement info to MDOT to allow them some access onto the Montessori school grounds as well as instructions to save the tree across from Stop-'N-Go. **Action** – **Lynda** will follow up and find out who is monitoring this.

Route 1 North – MDOT has met with all residents along this project and all easements and property issues have been negotiated. Geoff wrote to BCM about issues of painting a bike diamond on the shoulder. It seems the issue is not unique with this section of the road. Anytime there is no other facility for pedestrians to walk on, MDOT does not want to mark out a shoulder with a bikes only symbol. **Action** - **Geoff** to follow up with BCM on idea of having symbols for both bikes and peds. **Action** – **Geoff** contact Bob F. on whether there has already been efforts/push back for MDOT to paint these symbols.

Adjourned 9:10

Next meeting, Feb 5, possibly 5:30-7