

Camden Rockport Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathways Committee
Minutes
January 31, 2018 – Rockport Town Office
7:00 pm

Present (the cool kids):

Geoff Scott –Camden
Leni Gronros (minutes) – Rockport
Lynda Clancy –Rockport
Mac Thomas –Camden
Anita Brosius-Scott – Camden
Helen Shaw – Rockport
Jane Self – Camden - Alt
John Titus – Rockport
Richard Stetson – Camden

Absent (probably on a warm vacation):

Jenna Lookner – Camden Select Board Liaison
James Francomano – Rockport Development Director
Robert Davis –Camden
Owen Casas – Rockport Liason
Andrew Stancioff – Camden

Guest: Etienne Perret -Camden

October Minutes:

The minutes were accepted as written.

New Committee Members:

Geoff invited Tuck Hood of Rockport who will be at the next meeting. Our guest, Etienne Perret, has expressed interest in joining the committee but will have to wait until an opening on the Camden side becomes available.

Route 1 by Maritime Farms:

No specific updates. MDOT moved the project into the 2019-20 construction year. Subcontractor has been out talking to abutters. Some abutters have requested a draft of the rendering of the project. Geoff will get that to Lynda for her to forward along. In particular, Hannaford, Bob Josselyn, is interested in maintaining current turning radius into their entrance to accommodate tractor trailers. Geoff to contact MDOT about Hannaford concerns.

Riverwalk:

The committee, along with SB members Jenna Lookner and Allison McKellar, walked the section of the Riverwalk along Knowlton St. and by CRMS. Lots of discussion on the various possible alignments along both of these sections. The committee was reminded that a project leader for the Maine Conservation Corps walked the CRMS property and felt that going up the bank, to the ballfield level was doable. They also felt construction of a foot-bridge across the river was doable if needed. A sketch of the alignment of the path needs to be forwarded to the Middle School Building Committee for them to take into consideration as they plan the fields.

Audra has asked for a budget for the Riverwalk section that go through the treatment plant, from the property line abutting the Lions Club to the CRMS property line. Gartley & Dorskey thought it would need to be a boardwalk style path because of the wetlands. G&D suggested it was better to go up to the school grade from the Wastewater property line and then back down to the river at CRMS because cutting across that length of a steep embankment destabilizes it and can cause severe erosion. Having the path go up to the school grade would also give the kids easier access to the path and probably cost less.

A letter to be sent to the building committee with the alignment, timeline, and request for use of the builders who are working on the fields. The benefit to the children should be emphasized. Plus discuss with Will Gartley and Bob Falciani the best way to move forward on the CRMS and Wastewater sections, especially to work collaboratively with new CRMS construction.

G&D is working on a site plan to act as a basis for sending out an RFP for construction of the Knowlton St section in Aug/Sept using RTP funds. G&D will come up with some options to deal with getting by the pedestrian bridge that connects to Camden Villa.

Route 1 North

No meeting scheduled yet. Waiting for CMP to report back on pole locations.

Route 90

No committee update.

Geoff will re-circulate Annika Charland's report for next meeting. Anita talked with Patrick Adams about a cross walk to the school. She asked what steps need to be done. Her suggestion is to pass it along to Annika/CHRHS and letting her run with it. The Rt 90 workgroup should advise. Geoff has contacted the school and Annika about the project and will connect Leni to act as liaison to Pathways and help guide the process.

Keep Rockport Beautiful

While this appears to be a useful group to doing projects in Rockport Geoff and Leni don't believe we can contribute much to their activities. We are an advisory group and this is more construction and volunteer service. We will offer input when asked and help out when we can.

Easements- Tax Incentives

Anita to write a letter to Audra with wording from the Camden Comprehensive Plan explaining that having money available to purchase properties would help with town projects. Having this money set aside, and a policy worked out with the Select Board, would mean we could jump when a property became available rather than have to start this long process when a property becomes available.

Elm St. – no update. John is to ask for a second opinion on taking down the tree by the Wellness Center.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm