

Camden Rockport Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathways Committee
Minutes
Mar 6, 2019 – Camden Town Office
7:00 pm

Present(the cool kids):

Geoff Scott (minutes) – Camden
Robert Davis –Camden
Owen Casas – Rockport
Lynda Clancy – Rockport
Helen Shaw – Rockport
Margo Murphy – Rockport
Jenna Lookner – Camden Select Board Liaison

Absent(probably on a warm vacation):

Leni Gronros – Rockport
Anita Brosius-Scott – Camden
Jane Self - Camden
Andrew Stancioff – Camden
Richard Stetson – Camden

Guests:

Feb Minutes:

The minutes were accepted as written.

Route 1 by Maritime Farms:

Rockport Select Board approved to put \$25K in the budget recommended to the budget committee. That, in addition to the \$37K already in the restricted fund for this project should cover the towns portion of the higher construction costs anticipated. Geoff to suggest to Audra that she send a memo to Rick Bates detailing the status of the project and outlining the estimated higher costs. That way Rick will have the memo to reference during budget committee meetings.

Riverwalk – Knowlton Section

Discussed no-construction period from Apr 1 to Aug 15 to avoid impacting any nesting herons. There are two issues. One, there remains the question whether there are any nesting herons. And two, if we wait until Aug 15th, we'll miss the opportunity to participate in the next round of RTP grants. **Action – Geoff** to ask Audra if the town would be open to hiring an ornithologist to do a survey and report on what they observe to Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. **Action – Geoff** to send Margo letter from MIFW including the map they sent. **Action – Margo** will see how much professional ornithologist Mark DiGirolamo would charge. **Action – Geoff** to ask MIFW if they can recommend any ornithologist in our area.

Route 90 – at Forest Glen

Does it make sense that the crossing should be at Forest Glen or maybe at Cross St? Maybe we can do both if we can get the classification of Rte 90 changed at the State level? For further discussion.

Bike Awareness

Establishing a more bike friendly community is part of our charter. It makes good economic sense by improving the bikeability of our communities and thereby improving the quality of life.

There is growing concern in our community and around the country around bicycle safety. Since 2009 there have been an increasing number of bicycle injuries nationwide. If we had bike lanes around our towns it would transform kids lives (Margo). Maybe we should put together a Summit to encourage community partnerships to work on this issue.

Rockport Sewer Line extension

Should meet with Bill Najpauer to discuss adding bike/ped facilities to the sewer extension construction project on Rte 1. **Action – Lynda and Helen** will set up meeting with Bill. Perhaps an alternative strategy would be to add wording into ordinances about consideration for bike/ped facilities when constructing roads. For further consideration and discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm

Next meeting April 3, Rockport