

**Camden-Rockport Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathways
Committee
Agenda Mar 7, 2018
7:00 pm
Camden Town Office**

Present: Lynda Clancy, Owen Casas, Leni Gronros, Helen Shaw, Richard Stetson, Anita Brosius-Scott, Geoff Scott - Chair, Mac Thomas.

Tuck Hood, guest, considering joining PW committee from Rockport.

Next meeting April 4

Jamie Francomano is now at Midcoast Economic Development District (MCEDD), consulting back to Rockport. Questionable whether he'll be returning to PWComm meetings; remove from email list.

Camden Outdoors map – Rockport is included but Rockport has not contributed to the printing – Question addressed to Owen Casas to ask Rockport Selectboard about financial support.

Maritime Farms – checked with Aurele at MDOT; Aurele confirmed he spoke with Hannaford managers and clarified that there is no change to be done @ intersection re turning radius into the parking lot.

Q from Owen re Brian Keefe – a manager @ Hannaford – owns property on corner of Camden St. and Rte. 1 on S side. He would love to give a ROW or easement to re-route Camden St. thru field; he wants to sell the remainder then perhaps to Quarry Hill. Re-routing a road is beyond the scope of the current Maritime DOT project. Owen presented the option so that when timing is appropriate, this option could be kept in mind.

Feb. 24, 2014 article in PenBay Pilot <http://www.penbaypilot.com/node/28966> talks about the meeting between the two Select boards to vision the area around Hannaford and the John/Camden Street corners. Discussions about reconfiguring roads etc. facilitated by Frank O'Hara. Owen would be happy to bring it up in his liaison report. No action.

Riverwalk

Geoff reached out to Lions Club; they had a meeting last night (3/6/18) to discuss it; Bob Oxton did not have time to talk to Geoff before heading off on vacation. Bob thought the Lions Club owned more property down to the river than is shown on the town property map. Geoff mailed him a letter showing the map that has a triangle that goes down, not even to water. Mac is doing homework re where the property line really is. There are two deeds involved (at least). One in 1992 a land swap ("Triangle Land Swap") between Camden and Lions Club; a survey was supposed to be done and recorded at County but nothing was recorded at County. Register of Deeds, Mac also looked up and clerk couldn't find it either. Apparently the survey was never registered with the County. Mac does not know what the town of Camden gave up in trade. MBNA gave the Lions Club the rectangle @ end of skateboard park. Deeds refer to the surveyor (Chapman and Cothorn), company morphed thru some different companies. Paul Chapman is in Florida; another person @ org feels sure Chapman knows about this. Jeanne Hollingsworth dug around in the Planning Office but could not find anything. Apparently everything goes back to the survey; it doesn't matter what the property deed says. Is there a statute of limitations on

recording? No, says Helen Shaw. According to the deeds, the Lions Club property does not have any shorefront - it's owned by town of Camden. Mac thinks there was some agreement between the Town of Camden and the Lion's Club. Either it was an informal conversation or...?. Mac will go through historical SB and maybe Planning Board Minutes to see if there is anything about it. Lions Club has some vision about going down to the water – deck, launch canoe or something? Mac- the land swap deal would have taken a Vote @ Town Meeting or a Special Town Meeting. Anita suggests that if there was a Town Meeting or Special Town Meeting vote, it would be recorded in the Annual Report covering that time. That would be a good place to start looking.

Geoff met with Bob Falciani (Camden Select Board) re coordinating with building of new **middle school**. He said the site work is the last work to be done since construction equipment will be staging on the property etc. He suggested it makes sense to talk to the guy doing the work when he's there (primary contractor) – ask them to do some work along the edge of the field. Bob says this is done all the time. But how do we write a grant based on that? Do it and hope/assume the money will come?

Re **Wastewater section**, since people will already be mobilized to do the work in front of the Lions Club etc., Audra feels it makes sense to put funds into next year's budget for construction (or partial construction) of the Wastewater treatment plant Riverwalk segment.

Budget Committee meetings March 15 and March 22, 6:30pm, Audra could use some support re issues discussed – Public Works and Capital Improvements. Matching money for Seabright, extra money for Maritime, money for Washington St. sidewalk extension. She will advocate for a Riverwalk fund and will be putting in for additional fund for Knowlton St. Rwalk. Norwood Ave. poss. of new sidewalk during drainage work on that road. Leni suggests also advocate with Select Board as they make budget decisions/changes subsequent to Budget Committee work.

Owen says view budget lines. **Anita @ 15th, Geoff @ 22nd**. Gartley is working on both sections, getting estimates, so Audra will have an idea of how much this will cost. Geoff is leaving it to Audra for exact numbers. Owen suggests prioritizing the different funds so we know where the high priorities are if we have to triage funds.

Route 90 – Crosswalk across Route 90 to subdivision (Forest Glen) across the road. Geoff introduced Leni to Annika (CHRHS student, came to PWComm to request crosswalk across Rte 90 @ HS entrance). Anita talked to Patrick Adams (MDOT bike/ped); need to have a conversation with Margo Murphy (Windplanner Advisor CHRHS) – Annika will meet with her group at the high school and they will talk about the Windplanners taking this on as a project; she has the breakdown that Anita wrote up from Patrick Adams. Leni will act as liaison from Pathways Committee, will start laying the groundwork with the school, will work with Margo. Patrick Adams needs to do a site visit at area with the HS kids. Leni suggested that Margo involve the Interact Club, associated with Rotary, which has many members, and access to some funds.

Owen points out the issue of maintenance - plowing the finished path. Will the HS have to plow the “new” access pathway on HS grounds? Rockport's current SB is concerned about maintaining any new path. Can the school take care of the path? Use terminology **Multi-use path**. PW has to explain how the plowing would be taken care of – by school – they have two sidewalk plows (John Novak). Keith Rose would be involved in this conversation. Leni can discuss this with the kids.

Riverwalk Engineering – Jeff Senders, works for G&D, also on Camden Planning Board. Now working on something on Norwood Ave., goes from Pearl to Elm @ Hope Health. Jeff Senders said Audra is asking him how much it would cost to put a sidewalk in during that project. This would extend the Willow St.

sidewalk to Route 1. This is in our Master Plan but not highest priority. **Anita** will follow up. Discussed how this expenditure could affect/endorse our higher-priority projects.

It makes sense to do projects – generally – when there is other work being done in the area. We will negotiate really hard to do work where/when other work is being done. But how would such work affect availability of funds for other projects that are more important?

Owen: re reserves for pathways, Riverwalk. How about advocate for a larger amount being put into reserve fund, then request the funds needed for each project as needed from that reserve. Geoff – if all amounts are added up, if the asks get attacked, then how about saying put it all together into a reserve and reduce total by \$5k. (for example, all asks total \$65K, offer all in one fund at \$60K)

A - Talk to Audra about what the name of the PW reserve fund is.

A - Write to Audra about tax incentives for property owners.

Review Washington State property tax reduction incentives.

Owen - Tax credit concept used by King County in Washington State – financially incentivizes land owners for an easement. Idea from Owen is, specific, municipally enforced thing, depending on length, width etc, property tax reduction like in King County. Geoff has read it; Owen has not looked at it. Geoff says it's long. Thinks a Selectboard member would really need to ponder it for months. Which Select Board would be more receptive? Perhaps present to Planning Board and see if they are receptive? That seems a better idea.

Mac – since Jamie Francomano is no longer available to advocate for and write a 2019 RTP grant for the path past the church (7th Day Adventist Church) from Camden St. towards Country Inn, does someone want to work on the RTP grant application for that? Lynda suggests asking Jamie to continue doing that. Owen will see if Town is interested in working/funding that.

Adjourn 9 pm