

Camden Rockport Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathways Committee
Minutes
April 5, 2017 – Rockport Town Office
7:00 pm

Present:

Geoff Scott –Camden
Leni Gronros (minutes) – Rockport
Richard Stetson – Camden
Don White – Camden Select Board Liaison
Robert Davis –Camden
John Titus – Rockport
Helen Shaw – Rockport
James Francomano – Rockport Development Director
Lynda Clancy –Rockport

Absent:

Owen Casas – Rockport Liason
Andrew Stancioff – Rockport
Jane Self - Camden
Mac Thomas –Camden
Anita Brosius-Scott – Camden

March Minutes:

The minutes were accepted as written.

New Members:

Lynda proposed Tuck Hood for Rockport. Geoff suggested Bill Buchholz for Camden.

Route 1 by Maritime Farms:

The Project is continuing along as planned. Helen reported that Rockport put the additional needed funds (\$8K) into the budget to cover its share of the matching funds for the project.

Riverwalk:

Geoff recently spoke with Ian Stewart of Coastal Mountains Land Trust about approaching Mr Goudreau about easements along the river. Geoff is getting ready to give landscapers the heads up that the opportunity to bid on the project is coming soon.

Route 90

Lynda and Leni met with Ron Howard of Maine Coast Heritage Trust on March 27th to see what we could do to assist with connecting their trail at Erickson Field to the access road of Beech Hill. This is also in cooperation with Coastal Mountains Land Trust. MCHT has already cut the trail and now it needs to be stumped and gravel laid down. They have a grant of \$15,000 that covered the first part and now need to raise an additional \$10,000 in monetary or in-kind donations. Ron would like to see this project completed this summer. Lynda and Leni volunteered to help out. A meet and greet cocktail party was organized that was held at the Pen Bay Oil offices on March 30th. Although not all possible Rockport supporters invited were able to attend, Jeff Charland was representing the neighboring development, Forest Glen. In addition we had Kimberlee Graffam, Rick Bates, and James Francomano. Ron presented the project and a lot of brain storming commenced on how to get this project moving.

Ron needed to go to the MCHT board for approval to begin fund raising. As the time window is very short we will do the fund raising in a two prong attack. Direct letters will be sent out to Earth Moving and Landscaping Companies seeking in-kind donations as well as to large organizations around the project that may contribute. Those listed include Camden National Bank, Yachting Solutions, Taylor Allen, and The Smiths with their development, and a few others. The second prong of this is an online appeal to the general public. We have set a potential goal of \$5,000 for this.

Unanimously passed a motion to support collaborating with Aldemere Farm (MCHT) both in time and in raising funds for the Beech Hill trail efforts to further the connection of communities. Unanimous.

In addition the Pathways Committee has the opportunity to lend its name to the Around the Mountain Trail by working with the Midcoast Mountain Biking Club, Coastal Mountains Land Trust, the Maine Water Company, and The Town of Camden. The committee voted to add our name to the list of sponsors. It is the hope that with these two projects the progress along route 90 will be jump started.

Leni and Lynda will meet again with Ron to plot the next steps in fund raising and trail building.

No other reports.

New Agenda Items:

RTP project possibilities:

Discussion on possible 2018 RTP grant applications for Rockport (Camden isn't eligible in 2018):

- Country Way Inn – the road connecting Camden St and Route 1 by the Inn. Leni & Jamie to explore.
- Maine Sport Trails

Sagamore Farm Property – no follow up on possible collaboration. Discussion ensued regarding whether to support the efforts there. Motion and approved “Pathways supports the Conservation Commissions efforts to create a recreational area at the Sagamore Farms parcel to further the health of the community.”

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.