

Camden Rockport Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathways Committee  
Minutes  
May 3, 2017 – Camden Town Office  
7:00 pm

**Present (those that got cookies):**

Geoff Scott –Camden  
Leni Gronros (minutes) – Rockport  
Richard Stetson – Camden  
Mac Thomas –Camden  
Robert Davis –Camden  
Helen Shaw – Rockport  
Lynda Clancy –Rockport  
James Francomano – Rockport Development Director

**Absent (those that didn't get cookies):**

Owen Casas – Rockport Liaison  
John Titus – Rockport  
Anita Brosius-Scott – Camden  
Don White – Camden Select Board Liaison  
Andrew Stancioff – Camden Alternate  
Jane Self – Camden Alternate

**April Minutes:**

The minutes were accepted as written.

**New Members:**

Geoff will contact Bill Bucholz about joining for Camden.  
Lynda will speak with Tuck Hood for Rockport

**Route 1 by Maritime Farms:**

We haven't heard from the Ware family on the waiting area for the bus. Geoff will check on status.

Crosswalks along the route were discussed, particularly where the project crosses entry ways like at the vets, Maritime Farms, the Country Way Inn, etc. Recognized that the town is responsible for annual re-painting of crosswalks and that they are expensive to maintain. Geoff will follow up with MDOT for clarity.

Richard asked that the 45mph zone be changed to 35mph to match the other zones. Consensus was to delay the decision until after completion of the project. Jamie will follow up.

**Riverwalk:**

Camden Villa owner has not been re-approached. Geoff spoke with Ian Stewart from CMLT who said he would not help obtain any easements as they are not comfortable in that role for this project. CMLT is happy to hold the easement though. After a suggestion from Ian, Geoff spoke with Kerry Leichtman, Planning Officer, at the town office specifics on whether there are financial benefits related to a landowner granting an easement. Unfortunately the financial benefits, tax-wise, aren't that significant. Geoff will speak with others in the community who might provide insight into how to approach Camden Villa's owner successfully. Future

discussions will stress the tax savings, a professional pathway paid for by the town and will add value to the Villa tenants.

### **Route 1 North**

Most of the ongoing energy relates to discussions with MDOT of approach to the project (context sensitive) versus cost-effectiveness and ASHTO guidelines. The committee is attempting to get MDOT to come to discuss specific design elements lot by lot and guide the discussions to be more context sensitive. The strategy will be to request exceptions to ASHTO guidelines.

### **Route 90**

Lynda and Ron Howard have met a few times. MCHT is hoping to extend the existing trail, which is 6-8 ft wide, up to the Beech Hill entrance. Cost will be about \$10K. Pathways will continue to support in hopes that this project will bring more attention to the Rte 90 corridor. Fund raising has begun – Beach to Beech Hill. Leni shared this project concept at the Tourism summit at Pt. Lookout. Spoke with a couple of organizations there. There was lots of talk about walkability at the Summit. A short update on the progress at the Erikson field preserve was given. Meetings are progressing and fundraising has commenced.

PR idea 1 - go to a Chamber meeting and present what Pathways is working on, including this project.

PR idea 2 - Need to align ourselves into any projects going on related to trails to increase awareness of walkability and pathways in general.

PR Idea 3 - Try to get the Rockport Capital Improvement committee re-energized to start working on implementing. Current discussions seem to revolve around what do we have and what do we need to maintain? We need to change the discussion to what could be. Present to them Pathways projects.

PR idea 4 – Geoff to send Lynda a summary of all Pathways is up to.

### **No other reports.**

### **New Agenda Items:**

Helen reported that the \$7500 that was hoped to be included in 2017/18 town budget for the Rockport additional matching funding for the Rte 1 South project is being pushed off into the 18/19 budget.

A twitter account for Pathways will be created by Leni. Will work on increasing our social media presence. Still needs to be done to promote more of the Pathways projects.

A letter needs to be drafted to the Rockport Select Board thanking them for the progress of the High Sidewalk.

Jamie and Leni will pursue the possibility of the RTP grant for the Country Inn Connector trail and possibly the Brook Street Connector.

There were no cookies left at the end of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm