

Minutes
June 6, 2021 – Zoom call
6:00 pm

Present:

Anita Brosius-Scott – Camden
Andrew Stancioff – Camden
Lynda Clancy – Rockport
Geoff Scott – Camden
Helen Shaw – Rockport
Margo Murphy – Rockport
Alison McKellar, Camden Select Board Liaison

Absent:

Richard Stetson – Camden
Heidi Baker, Rockport
Jane Self – Camden, Alternate
Robert Davis – Camden
Jeff Hamilton – Rockport Select Board Liaison

May Minutes – Accepted as written.

Committee recognized the Camden Town Report dedication to Anita and Geoff.

Committee Membership – Action – Geoff to follow up and discuss potential with Paul Cartwright as possible committee alternate. **Action – Anita** to follow up with Will Galloway as possible Camden Alternate.

Maritime and Shirrtail Sidewalk extensions – Alison will ask about updates on status of going out to bid at the next SB meeting.

Route 90 Corridor – school district has begun initial discussions around a long range sustainability plan for schools. The Corridor as well as the CSD Connector could be parts of these plans. Margo will stay engaged in the process. Rockport Budget committee has placed matching funds for a DOT feasibility study grant for the Corridor. **Action – Margo, Lynda, Heidi** - once budget is passed will meet with new town manager Jon Duke to keep Pathways issues on the table.

It would be good to know what the historic barriers were when the CSD connector was considered. **Action – Geoff** to ask Paul Cartwright to join us at the next meeting and a special invite for Jane. Rockport Comp plan should incorporate aspects of the Rte 90 Corridor, especially wildlife corridors. **Action – Geoff** to contact.

Riverwalk – are we in a position to apply for an RTP grant for the WW treatment plant section this fall? Spoke with Doug Beck at MDOT who helps administer the program and he suggested we really needed to apply for a \$150K grant given the size of the project across the WW plant. That said, CMLT applied last fall and did not win the grant, they are applying again in 2021 with an even better application. Not likely that MDOT will award one town with two grants. Beck also said that doing the WWTP section in phases was not an approach MDOT supports. So will start \$150K grant app with thoughts of submitting 2022. Another option would be to incorporate some of this work under the Megunticook River Restoration project. Possible matching grant funds

could come from the downtown TIF. Geoff will continue to work with Alison on this idea.

Geoff also shared that CRMS is looking at using some of the Economic Recovery funds they've received to build trails to access the river on their property. Geoff met with Keith Rose to discuss the Riverwalk vision, impervious surface issues on the property, and what the school has in mind. Geoff also shared a discussion he had with DEP that with a Site Law review and then a license provided by DEP, there is an exemption for educational institutions to add up to 60K sq ft (30K per year for two years). Keith will follow up with Oak Point, the engineers. **Action – Geoff** to follow up with Keith.

Route 90 Corridor – no update other than there is a group of kids at CHRHS interested/asking questions about a pedestrian connection to Erickson Farms and what ever happened to the CSD connector.

Rockville Sidewalk Construction – the new sidewalk is going in and there doesn't seem to be any work being done on the extension up Gurney. Geoff had written a memo to the Select Board about this in 2019 with cc's to Mike Young and Bill Post. Bill had sent an email in Dec 2020 in response to a meeting and some reminders saying he'd look into the option when construction began. With the transition away of Bill Post there's concern this discussion will be lost. **Action – Geoff** to write to Kerry Leichtman (acting town manager) and Mike Young with this info.

Bike Awareness – BCM has not got back to Andrew yet about the option of doing a Zoom session with the committee and others about how to incorporate better bike/ped safety into designs. The hope is to have this prior to updating the sidewalk surveys. **Action – Andrew** will continue to poke BCM.

Sidewalk Survey – no progress yet on the option for directly inputting survey info into a GIS system. Will be collecting by hand and then transferring info into GIS system later. What about having CHRHS students help? They would need to have some sort of training on what to look for, and still would need to have a committee member go with them.

Mechanic St – Alison says they'll be painting sharrows and lines on Mechanic St next week if all goes well. **Action – Geoff** to contact Dave St. Laurent to double check that the sharrow image he has is the same being used for Mechanic St and then he should do press release about sharrows. Audra hasn't had time to add the sharrow info to the town website. **Action – Geoff and Alison** will work on.

Rockport Comp Plan Committee – they requested answers to a new set of questions for Pathways to respond to. Unfortunately the timing to respond to did not work out for us. They also requested that all committee members respond to the questions we answered at the last meeting, which Geoff forwarded to the group.

Adjourned 7:30
Next Meeting July 7