

Minutes
July 7, 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
Richard Stetson – Camden
Heidi Baker, Rockport
Alison McKellar, Camden Select Board Liaison

Absent:

Jane Self – Camden, Alternate
Robert Davis – Camden
Jeff Hamilton – Rockport Select Board Liaison

June Minutes – Accepted as amended.

Committee Membership – Will Galloway is interested in participating at some level in the committee. Can't make August, will see us in Sept. **Action – Lynda and Margo** have some ideas for Rockport candidates and will discuss offline.

Meeting in person vs remotely – the new law, LD32, seems to only apply to Select Boards. The key for committee meetings is they are public and people can participate. Voted and approved that we'd meet in person once per quarter. **Action – Geoff** to send around schedule for in person meetings.

CSD Connector Discussion – Paul couldn't make it tonight. **Action – Geoff** will send around a Doodle Poll to set up a separate session with Paul

Bicycle Coalition of Maine (BCM) – Andrew reported BCM is happy to do a session with us on Complete Streets and how to run an effective bike/ped safety program in a town. This presentation would be a pre-cursor to doing the sidewalk survey. **Action – Geoff** will send around a Doodle Poll to set up a session with BCM.

Maritime and Shirrtail Sidewalk extensions – bids have come back and a contractor was chosen for both projects. Everything a go in Camden, budget comm approved a little more money for these projects just in case. What were final bid amounts. Need to know for matching amounts. **Action – Alison** will try to find out final bid amounts. Need to check in with Rockport. Helen thinks the money is there, but unsure given other matching grant opportunities. **Action – Geoff** to check in with Audra. **Action – Lynda and Rockport contingent** to add this to their discussions

with Jon Duke in August. **Action – Heidi** if opportunity arises to clarify budget amounts for long term Rte 90 study and for the Maritime project. **Action – Geoff** will send Heidi old memos related to matching amounts from each town for Maritime project.

This would be a good time for Committee to look at the plans for both of the sidewalk projects, informed by the work that has been taking place downtown. Next meeting.

At the same time the Shirrtail work is going on, Camden will do sidewalk maintenance work on Washington St, particularly from Matthew John St into town. Funds to do this are in the budget, and the skill set exists within Public Works. Despite the committee listing this as ongoing maintenance, and designating other projects as higher priority, this is a good time to do this project given MDOT's investment to extend this sidewalk to Shirrtail. Adding pedestrian accommodations in front of the car wash and laundromat as well as other improvements will make the Washington St sidewalk safer and more wheelchair accessible. And when complete, will connect with the Shirrtail extension.

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.

Riverwalk - Geoff spoke with Keith Rose about the idea of CRMS doing a Site Plan Review using Oakpoint. Oakpoint has done Site Plans for other schools. Keith says he's got too many projects going this summer to get to this and will plan on looking at in 2022. **Action – Geoff** will stay in touch with Keith.

Should we begin looking at advocating for Camden to do an RTP grant application for the Waste Water Treatment Plant section of the Riverwalk? There are many steps involved and it would be a big project. Suggestion made we begin discussions with the town how they'd like to proceed. As an alternative, we could wait to see if the River Restoration project could include construction of some sections of the Riverwalk. Regardless, we need to continue to advocate for public access to as much of the WWTP during their redesign as possible.

CMLT is submitting an RTP application in 2021 for more work on the Round the Mountain Trail so we'd be competing with them. We'd have a better chance of succeeding in 2022 given this is a reapplication by CMLT, and they understand what adjustments are needed to be successful. Interesting, CMLT is also currently helping with a Site Review at the Snowbowl. **Action – Geoff** will speak with Audra regarding these options.

Route 90 Corridor – will work on setting up meeting with Jon Duke to discuss planning grant for the town and the corridor. **Action – Lynda** will set up meeting and include Heidi, Helen, and Margo.

Bike Safety/Awareness – sharrow info page as well as Advisory Lane info. Sharrows painted on Mechanic St, unfortunately the State ran out of orange paint, so no center line. Also still have to add white fog lines as well. There will be no passing double orange lines at blind spots. Lines on Mechanic have turned orange because of iron that is in the asphalt. Nothing we can do about it now. Mechanic St is too wide for a residential road but not wide enough for bike lanes. Travel lanes will be 9.5-10' wide, plus breakdown lane. In blind passing spots there will be double yellow lines. Sharrows are a reminder to drivers that cyclists are allowed to use the travel lane but that does not mean they are encouraged to use the full lane. No real change from normal; nothing super innovative. Lots of towns/cities use sharrows. A letter to the editor would be helpful to explain. **Action – Geoff** will reword the press release from last month and send out a new one. **Action – Lynda** will draft something up explaining what sharrows are and their purpose and will post.

Gurney St - Geoff wrote to Kerry Leichtman and Mike Young about including the sidewalk extension up Gurney St. It's an issue worth mentioning during a planning meeting in Rockport. **Action – Lynda and Rockport contingent** will include during conversation with Jon Duke.

Meeting Adjourned 7:35 pm
Next meeting Aug 4