

Camden Rockport Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathways Committee
Minutes
July 11, 2018 – Rockport Town Office
7:00 pm

Present:

Geoff Scott –Camden
Helen Shaw – Rockport
Richard Stetson – Camden
Robert Davis –Camden
Anita Brosius-Scott – Camden
Jeff Hamilton – Rockport Liaison

Absent:

Jenna Lookner – Camden Select Board Liaison
Leni Gronros (absent without leave) – Rockport
Lynda Clancy –Rockport
Jane Self – Camden, Alternate
Andrew Stancioff – Camden, Alternate

There were no cookies at this meeting, but ice cream was hoped for.

June Minutes

The minutes were accepted as written.

New Committee Members:

John Titus can't serve, but will be exploring being a Rockport SPOKES person (Bicycle Coalition of Maine); Andrew Stancioff won't be here for a few meetings, doing a long bike ride. John Titus asked a couple of neighbors in Rockville, but they said no. John Anders will be asked to join (**Action - Geoff**). Corson's Auto person? Anyone in Mystic? Sue Chase (**Action - Helen**)? Greg or Suzanne Guion Perry (**Action - Geoff**). **Geoff** will ask Owen Casas for ideas.

Camden Work Plan

Geoff has completed and sent in to Camden.

Route 1 by Maritime Farms

Gone out to bid thinks Geoff. Aurele of MDOT emailed Geoff June 13, said Yes we are on track to complete design and advertise project in July. Geoff will ask him for a copy of the design.

Riverwalk

Honoring of Mac Thomas for his work on the Riverwalk over the years. Owen Casas engraved a granite bench; Geoff presented to Mac @ Camden SB meeting July 10. Well received. Will be placed someplace on the Knowlton section of the Riverwalk.

Re Knowlton St. section: Current design has the path starting from back of the old skateboard park, soon to be a town parking lot. Then continues further away from the river, basically traversing the YMCA property and the current skateboard park, with an optional spur going down to waterfall. The spur is optional, because we're not sure we

have enough money in the grant nor whether we can get a permit. Audra/Town will contact Lions Club and YMCA re crossing their properties.

Route 90

We need to stay in contact and continue to encourage the work on the crossing at high school; advocating for moving forward with that work. Need to stay in touch with students as well as Margo Murphy, HS advisor.

Route 1 North

Meeting was held July 9 @ CRMS cafeteria with community & MDOT. Questions about how much influence Camden can have on a federally financed project with no local community funding. Some confrontation. Regarding shoulder width - BCM is advocating for a 5' shoulder (there was a local rep at the meeting). The Route 1 North advisory group wants 4' – the narrower the road, the slower people will drive; there would be no change in area that would be cleared if paving is narrower. MDOT says they've compromised coming down to 11' travel, 5' shoulder as opposed to 12' travel, 8' shoulder. Painted bicycle icons were agreed to by Ernie Martin of MDOT. Lots of questions about MDOT landscaping the ROW. They say no funding for that. Route 1 advisory group will come up with a specific list of items that community is requesting. Camden SB will bring members up to speed on project then meet with MDOT. There is no MOU, Memo of Understanding. Camden is not contributing money to this project. Timing: In perfect world, would go out to bid in fall of 2019, cut trees in winter of 2019.

Elm St Sidewalks

Robert reports that MDOT is in their design phase for this project. They are awaiting an estimate from Gartley and Dorsky to fix this section. Patrick Adams, MDOT Bike and Pedestrian Coordinator, says MDOT is open to the idea of expanding the Downtown Master Plan grant to incorporate this work and increasing the amount of the grant commensurately.

Easements

Looking forward to Etienne setting up a meeting with Berke (who lives near Katie Tranzillo), as easement test case. Or maybe Katie would be good to start with? **Action** – **Anita** will meet with Audra or Jeremy to discuss moving a trial easement forward.

Sidewalk inventory

We present to Public Works and then nothing seems to happen. Camden SB member Alison McKellar had never seen inventory, thinks it should be seen by Budget Committee. Helen will meet with Mike Young, Public Works Dir. Rockport, to follow up re PW suggestions on maintenance (Rockport). Jeff suggests the updated list of projects be sent to Mike Young and Rick Bates. Helen. Copy to Jeff Hamilton (liaison). Include pave-around projects/locations. Pave-arounds – Leni was supposed to come up with list of pave-around locations (**Action** – **Geoff** to remind Leni)

Keeping Inventory updated: Alison McKellar suggested putting it up in a public place so folks can add to it. What tool can be used? (**Action** – **Geoff** to work on)

Route 105 Sidewalk Extension

Audra wrote in June 15 Town Manager's Report:

"I was contacted by MDOT about the Town completing the right of way work necessary to build the Sidewalk on Washington Street to Shirttail Point. MDOT is proposing, once again, for the Town to acquire the easements needed for the project. I met with Andrew Hedrich from Gartley and Dorsky and Town Attorney Bill Kelly to come up with a plan

to draft easements and meet with property owners. I'm hopeful that we'll be able to complete the necessary right of way work more quickly than MDOT so we'll be able to keep this project on track. "

Action - **Anita** give Audra a poke once a month and also check in with Jane Self.

Other Items:

Report from Jeff, Rockport SB liaison

PW Comm is very active committee; Agenda and minutes are always 100%, really appreciated, helps Rockport SB a lot to keep up with the committee's work. Let Jeff know when PW Comm *really* needs him at a meeting. The SB meetings are 1st and 3rd Mondays.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm