

Minutes
Aug 11, 2021 – Zoom call
6:00 pm

Present:

Anita Brosius-Scott – Camden
Andrew Stancioff – Camden
Lynda Clancy – Rockport
Geoff Scott – Camden
Richard Stetson – Camden
Alison McKellar, Camden Select Board Liaison
Will Galloway – Guest, Camden

Absent:

Helen Shaw – Rockport
Jane Self – Camden, Alternate
Margo Murphy – Rockport
Heidi Baker, Rockport
Mark Kelly – Rockport Select Board Liaison

July Minutes – Accepted as written.

Committee Membership – Geoff noted that the Camden SB will soon approve committee membership for those members who lapsed earlier this year. Will Galloway is interested and will submit an application to join the committee. **Action – Lynda and Margo** have some ideas for Rockport candidates, will discuss offline, and report back. Geoff has been in contact with Robert Davis that he is no longer a member but we're happy for him to join our meetings whenever he'd like.

Meeting in person vs remotely – the plan is for in-person meetings

1st Wed Mar – Camden
1st Wed Jun – Rockport
1st Wed Sept – Camden
1st Wed Dec – Rockport

CSD Connector Discussion – will reschedule in the fall.

Maritime and Shirrtail Sidewalk extensions – Geoff spoke with Audra about budgets and she feels that both Camden and Rockport have their matching funds in their budget. And, since the Maritime project will extend into next year, there's time to plan for any additional funds in the next budget cycle. This is a reimbursable project, with Camden paying for the work and then Rockport and MDOT repay Camden for their shares of the costs.

Camden has begun doing some overdue maintenance on Washington St from about Alden St to Ames Terrace, improving the sidewalk that will connect to the Shirrtail

project. As part of this work, one of the challenges is how to design the area in front of the car wash.

This would be a good time for Committee to review the Maritime sidewalk plans, informed by the work that has been taking place downtown. We'll discuss next meeting.

Riverwalk – Camden Public Works redid the culvert issue in front of the Lions Club area. Many thanks.

Geoff discussed with Audra the timing for pursuing an RTP grant for construction of the Wastewater Treatment section. Generally the feeling is to wait until we better understand the process with the River Restoration project, how that work might affect accessibility and Riverwalk alignment, and related funding. Funding associated with river restoration may help contribute towards the Riverwalk, so we should wait and see how that pans out. We'll want to participate when public input is requested on that project. Alison clarifies that the sediment will NOT be allowed to wash down river but will be excavated and moved. Could be moved for use in a pathway or other uses? Sediment does not appear to have concerning contamination.

Route 90 Corridor –suggested that Lynda/Heidi set a meeting date with Jon Duke, Rockport Town Manager. Items for agenda: Maritime matching grant funding, master plan grant for ped/bike for Rpt. Two items need to be budgeted for – don't count same funds for both buckets. Also discuss extension in W. Rockport up Gurney. **Action - Geoff** will send Lynda any additional agenda items.

Bike/Ped Safety - Anita shared an idea of putting up some Burma Shave-style Sharrow signs to educate drivers on Mechanic Street about what the sharrows mean. Committee liked the idea, Alison said she will present to SelBd. Anita will send info and quote for related printing/materials costs to Alison (~\$150)

Camden Sidewalk Survey -

Helen's suggested to take pictures of the maintenance issues, then post pictures on web (Facebook) so that Public Works can access. Label each image with name, town, maybe a cross street. Concern expressed about # of pictures posted could be overwhelming. Lynda suggests a locator picture. Could create a repository. Alison says that a similar system is used in Camden for stormwater. Camden Public Works definitely uses these pix. Posting on Facebook would not work for Camden (Public Works does not use FB) but she thinks that pictures are helpful, with layers. Geoff suggests Anita and Alison work on a system for Camden. But this year Committee will do the survey by hand, and we will incorporate into a GIS system at a later time. For now we're talking about the work to collect the data, by hand. Geoff says the pictures idea will be "optional" for anyone that wants to do. There will be four survey areas in Rockport, five in Camden. Will Galloway suggests getting some Watershed students involved as part of their orientation to Camden. Time frame – done before end of September. **Action - Geoff** will send around list of areas and people will sign up

Camden Select Board project list - Audra presented a list of projects Camden is currently focusing on. This list should align with what committees are working on. The Select Board is working on figuring out how the exchange between committees and the Select Board will work going forward. Rockport may have a similar list. **Action** – **Geoff** will send around the Camden project list. The list includes lots of Pathways related projects.

Utility Pole location – we have tried doing something at the state level. Legislature opened the idea in Committee in Augusta and they pushed it down to the PUC and it was given a case number. Geoff is on a notification list if any work is done on the case. Nothing yet. Anita brought up her research – there are examples of legalese for a small town in IL. Maine rules do indicate that more stringent local rules can take precedence over general rules. Does the committee want to pursue local rules or state rules? Alison suggests that Committee could look and see if anywhere else has solved this problem in Maine. Alison – town is now doing a road opening ordinance. Dave is trying to include this (pole placement rules) in the road opening ordinance. Perhaps this issue could be approached at county level – bring it up at the county level. DOT has official utility accommodation rules. Pretty clear that there's a place to put a few sentences related to above ground installations – put something right there into not interfering with sidewalks. Geoff says we'll try discussing further and see what we come up with. **Action** - **Geoff** will talk to Vicki again. Will G. says he would be happy to bring it up with the County Commissioner or help in another way.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 pm
Next meeting Sept 1