

Camden Rockport Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathways Committee
Minutes
September 5, 2018 – Camden Town Office
7:00 pm

Present:

Geoff Scott –Camden
Helen Shaw – Rockport
Richard Stetson – Camden
Robert Davis –Camden
Anita Brosius-Scott – Camden
Lynda Clancy –Rockport
Representative Owen Casas

Absent:

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

There were no cookies at this meeting, and no Leni. Coincidence?

August Minutes

The minutes were approved as corrected.

New Committee Members:

Still need to get Andrew Stancioff to send his application. Working on other ideas for Rockport.

Committee Bylaws

Rockport asked for an updated version of the Committee bylaws. Geoff read the current bylaws. Discussion, a few edits to the existing bylaws were suggested. New version approved. **Action – Geoff** to send to Rockport and Camden town offices.

Freedom of Access Act Training

Geoff reported that there will be a mandatory training for any Committee Member who hasn't attended this training, Oct 29th, Rockport Opera House, 6 pm

Route 1 by Maritime Farms

Both Camden and Rockport Select Boards approved payment of the MDOT invoice for their engineering work to date.

Riverwalk

Knowlton section construction awarded to Dan Ford. If there are any grant funds remaining Audra discussed with Doug Beck DOT, and he agreed to use the funds to continue construction into the Wastewater Treatment property. Doug is willing to do an extension for the grant money spending until end of 2019. Pathways was advocating to use any remaining funds for spur to dam/waterfall. Town reluctant because of the dam surveys planned for fish access; making fish ladders a distinct possibility in that same area in the future. Best to not do any construction around the dam at this time.

Sanford is still loitering at the Tannery overlook benches. He's also been littering. He has expressed no interest in changing his ways despite encouragement and attempts at finding him alternative housing. What to do? Richard will look into what's involved in temporarily removing the benches to make the area less inviting.

Mac's family has generously requested that in lieu of sending flowers in Mac's memory for people to please donate funds to the Pathways Committee. Thank you Thomas family!

Route 90

Action – **Lynda** will get in touch with Margot and see if there's some way to encourage/facilitate some of her advisees to work on a pedestrian connection to Forest Glen.

Route 1 North

Select Board met jointly with MDOT. Richard Bernhard did a good job expressing suggestions from the Route 1 Advisory Group. Robert Falciani did a good job asking numerous questions for clarification around the project. MDOT has come a long way making compromises to their original designs. Seems unlikely they will make many more. Richard Bernhard suggested saving particularly older/mature trees and that the Advisory Group members would be happy to walk the route pointing these trees out to MDOT. Seems like that might happen.

Elm St Sidewalk Improvement

No change in status this month.

Sidewalk Inventory

Geoff questioned whether and how people would know/use an online reporting system for sidewalk conditions which would inform and keep updated a sidewalk inventory. How would citizens know that such a system exists? How would we advertise? Project tabled until clarity on this question.

Easements

Action – **Anita** will research the process and outline the steps needed to secure an easement. Will then be prepared to approach the Town when a willing landowner is identified.

Pave Arounds

Action – Geoff to remind Leni to create list for Rockport

Route 105 Sidewalk Extension

Audra says no change since July. Project has to be monitored by the project manager (Audra). Audra not pushing right now. Jenna L spoke with Audra about it. Owen suggests that during the Public Comment section of the SB meeting Pathways Committee members should report out to SB about status of project.

Action - Geoff ask Jenna to continue to remind Audra. Remind that project has been stagnant for four years. **Action – Geoff** to talk to SB chair (Robert) to see what he recommends.

Other Items:

Union Street

Helen reported that sand is flowing across the Union St pathway in a number of locations. Can we brush off? Also an issue on Rte 105 by Thomas Street, where there is sand and also large weeds growing up, especially along the retaining wall.

Action – Everyone agreed to a clean up day, 9-11 Oct 20th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm