

Camden Rockport Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathways Committee
Minutes
Oct 3, 2018 – Rockport Town Office
7:00 pm

Present:

Leni Gronros – Rockport
Geoff Scott –Camden
Helen Shaw – Rockport
Richard Stetson – Camden
Anita Brosius-Scott – Camden
Lynda Clancy –Rockport
Representative Owen Casas, Guest

Absent:

Jenna Lookner – Camden Select Board Liaison
Robert Davis –Camden
Jane Self – Camden, Alternate
Andrew Stancioff – Camden, Alternate
Jeff Hamilton – Rockport Select Board Liaison

Leni was at this meeting, but there were no cookies. Coincidence?

Sept Minutes

The minutes were approved as written.

New Committee Members:

Still need to get Andrew Stancioff to send his application. Owen planning to fill out a committee form. Owen will ask Peter Twitchell, in Rockville, down street from John Titus. Leni will put out word that we're looking for new Rockport members to newly formed Rotary group as well as the other Rotary groups.

Route 1 by Maritime Farms

MDOT going to re-advertise the project at a later time because the the lowest bid for the project was \$830K, approx \$300K over budget. Hopefully soon, there won't be so much work around the state. MDOT said bids across the state were coming in high. Committee brainstormed ideas to make the project less expensive. The signal at Hannaford is part of the project; two are tied together. Cost cut idea – delay the signal crossing until MDOT redoes under normal maintenance. Audra and MDOT are thinking that perhaps combining the Route 105 – Shirttail project with this project could attrat more contractors and possibly reduce the costs of both projects through economies of scale.

Perhaps look at downtown pedestrian improvements as additional source of funding. Anita suggested emphasizing pedestrian safety, the Maritime and 105 projects, and put off aesthetic improvements in Downtown project.

Possible source of funding – do a two-town fund raiser. Request donations, especially from abutting businesses who will benefit from the new pedestrian facilities. Question is how much we'll need to raise? Geoff says we don't know if MDOT has any additional matching funds, so we probably will have to raise the entire \$300K. Owen asked about timing for businesses for annual charitable giving. Select Boards asked for looking at ways to trim the costs, perhaps simplify the project. Geoff got plans and forwarded them to Bob Falciani and Audra; Will Gartley looked at the plans as well though he knows the engineers and thinks they've probably done a good job. Will will estimate Shirrtail. Both Will and Bob said that this is a much bigger engineering job than sidewalk. Rockport needs to acknowledge the engineering challenge of the project – more than a sidewalk. Geoff will send question to Will G about whether the signal upgrade (they were going to do anyway) is being charged to the total grant funds. We need to know how much needs to be raised before we go out to the communities.

Can someone sit down with Farley and ask them to relook at their bid?

Lynda moved and was seconded, voted and agreed to move forward we need to ask Audra to **set up a meeting with MDOT** to see where the obvious solutions might be. Include in meeting: Leni, **Bill Napauer** and also Jeremy Martin and Bob Falciani. Will Gartley's assessment should be avail at that meeting.

Riverwalk

Might start work in next couple of weeks. Bench proposed to be on dammed upstream side of dam. Will be easier to do once brush is cleaned up. Moving bench? Owen and Leni will FIND A WAY OR MAKE ONE!

Builders will do some work towards ww treatment plant with any money left over. Geoff got an estimate from Tom Fence for a 6' high galvanized chainlink fence 1,000 feet long, \$35K. No concrete for posts. Dave Bolstridge, and Audra, Geoff and Beth will walk the fenceline area and discuss (moat?? Wetland boardwalk = moat?)

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 (thank you Casas family!). Anita will liaise with Owen – Holly Noonan, John Carboni, Marcy, Caseworker, maybe Janice who manages General Assistance help in Camden, etc. – maybe they can come up with a solution.

Route 90

Lynda and Leni did not have a chance to contact Margo Murphy and see if there's some way to encourage/facilitate some of her advisees to work on a pedestrian connection to Forest Glen. **Action – Lynda/Leni** will try to contact Margo again. **Action - Owen** will talk with student Sadie Mills (Windplanner member) to see if she can help. Leni took a picture today of students coming out of school, problem for pedestrians on Rte 90.

Route 1 North

No news

Elm St Sidewalk Improvement

No change in status this month.

Sidewalk Inventory

It was shared that Rockport now has the same Report it, Fix it app as Rockland for sharing information about road and sidewalk conditions, among other things. Why can't Camden use this app as well? **Action - Geoff** will ask Audra. **Action - Owen** will discuss the process that Rockport went through for approval.

Easements

No progress

Pave Arounds

Geoff reminded Leni to create list for Rockport. Perhaps find out if the grad student who does projects for Rockport – he's doing GIS overlay stuff – maybe he's already mapped where the hazards exist in Rockport?

Action - Geoff will ask Rick to come to next Committee meeting for us to share our Camden priorities. Do same with Mike in Rockport.

Route 105 Sidewalk Extension

Audra continues to be the lead on the project. The MDOT easement guide is many inches thick and would take months of work to complete. So Audra is looking for an alternative solution.

Other Items:

Round the Mtn Trail

There will be a ribbon cutting and press event sponsored by CMLT this Thurs, 10 am.

Parks and Rec Committee – Camden

P&R has come up with their annual work plan and a lot of energy is going to be put into Shirttail park including redoing entrance. No timeline yet. They are also interested in obtaining a number of bike racks to place around the town. **Action - Geoff** will recommend they use standard bike racks, nothing fancy, that have some of the spaces larger for fat bikes. Maybe buy a couple a year, or one per year. Finally, Geoff reported that they are still sorting out the signage format question which has remained open for multiple years now. Our hands are tied for the Riverwalk signage until they settle on a design standard.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm