

Camden Rockport Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathways Committee
Minutes
Nov 7, 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
Leni Gronros – Rockport
Andrew Stancioff – Camden, Alternate
Jeff Hamilton – Rockport Select Board Liaison
Rick Seibel – Camden Public Works
Representative Owen Casas
Etienne Perret – visitor
Cookies

Absent:

Jenna Lookner – Camden Select Board Liaison
Jane Self – Camden, Alternate

There were cookies at this meeting, and Leni was present. Coincidence?

October Minutes

The minutes were approved as corrected.

New Committee Members:

Working on other ideas for Rockport.

Camden Budget Recommendations

Rick Seibel, Dir Camden Public Works, has several sidewalk projects in his plans:

- Discussed options for Rte 1 sideawalk, Park to Union, northbound, with an esplanade. Andrew Hedrick of G&D looking at rough estimate of segment. Aurele Gorneau from MDOT and Patrick Adams @ ME state were going to come to Camden to assess downtown plan, early last spring. Didn't come. Rick thinks Patrick Adams is no longer Bike and Ped coordinator for MDOT. Rick has no cost estimate yet. Need to know this estimate to write a grant proposal. Rick not sure where this possible project and/or funding is now at the state level. Sidewalk is as narrow as 21" in this section. Can't do anything to change that because of the drop down to the road and lack of ROW. Ask homeowners whether we could pave around on their property? A letter was drafted, to be cleared by Town Manager and Rick.

Making any progress? Anything we can do to have it move forward. How do we help?

- Spring 2019, would like to re-do **Atlantic Avenue** from Main St. to boat-house, curbing is messed up and plowing is difficult. He's planning to reset granite curbing, and add some concrete. Wants to make the bump-out flush with the road rather than raised. Curb re-set \$23,200, concrete \$3700.
- 2020, next fiscal year, sewer dept & water depts replacing sewer line and water line on upper **Pearl St.**, so he's planning on redoing sidewalk on Park St. to Applewood where it ends, about 1000 feet of sidewalk. If we extended sidewalk up to the Legion Hall, a new section, would be another ~600 ft. Sidewalk gets a lot of activity from Applewood.
- **Union St. from Pleasant to Elm St.** (across from Stop and Go) plans on upgrading the curb and creating a concrete sidewalk, around corner to **Elm St**, eventually to Chestnut St. Union to Wood is asphalt; would be replaced with granite curb and concrete sidewalk. Would take a few years to do.
- **Pave-arounds** just can't be handled by the PW Dept – they are too busy – best to get a paving contractor to do it all at once. Rick will come up with a budget for the pave arounds and will get back to us by mid Dec. Rick said he'd talk to Rodney Seltus to ask where pave arounds are needed most. Geoff pointed out he sent Rick a list of where there are utility poles in the middle of sidewalks. Anita suggests that Pathways Committee supports Rick presenting a budget to Twn Mgr for utility pole walkability resolution. Include cost per pole of paving around (using a contractor) and of moving poles (per pole) (instead).
- Rick wants to re-do **Mechanic St.** sidewalk which would have to bring it up to ADA compliance and resolve the utility pole issues; he is thinking about an esplanade, a separation between the road and the sidewalk. Mechanic is pretty wide; they could narrow the road a bit to get that space. Rick thinks there could be room for stripped bike lanes.

Priorities – clearly identify list from us. Even when projects are sub-contracted Rick has to oversee. We'll write a memo supporting our priorities – when he presents to budget committee and Select Board. Geoff should also present to Select Board – list of priorities.

Discussion re use of esplanades alongside sidewalks where there is space going forward. They provide a safer separation from traffic. Like on High St. and on Chestnut St.

Maritime Rte 1

MDOT looking at engineering tweaks to reduce cost. Geoff was going to follow up on the cost of the lights. Drainage adds to complexity and cost. Owen talked to “a

Farley who is no longer with Farley” – they were confused about how the project expanded – then MDOT pulled out. Bids for traffic signals; pedestrian controls (solar powered LED).

No one seems to know what drove the cost up. Cmtee confused about why they can't review bids to discuss. What can Cmtee do? Speak with Audra, status, expanded in scope, because of our input. Maybe we could take things out that we pitched, like QH blinking light.

Riverwalk

Work starting on Knowlton section, the contractor, Dan Ford, starting with erosion control work. Mac's bench is in place. Thank you Owen Casas.

Railing on the streamside of the Tannery overlook was loose, Richard fixed it. Thank you Richard.

Volunteer Cleanup day: Owen and Geoff set Mac Thomas' bench; Washington St. sidewalk between Ames Terr and Thomas St., vegetation and dirt 1' wide against retaining wall was all cleaned up (Geoff, Anita, Robert D., Jane Self, neighbor Barry Valentine.

Geoff to send pictures of cleanup day to Lynda.

Must request of Rockport to sweep the sand off Union St. path - \$400 for Camden's mechanical sweeper – should budget for it. Sand gets washed across the pathway. \$400 is an investment in keeping sidewalk from deteriorating further.

Easements

For Riverwalk and elsewhere like Shirrtail project, Audra spoke with Bill Kelly (lawyer) to come up with easement language. Issue overlaid by zoning which is demanding 75 foot setback. Other towns also running into this issue of the 75 ft setback, Oxford and Waterville. Maybe should go to state legislature. Leni knows the Waterville representative, could approach him.

Adjourned at 9 pm

Next meeting Dec 5