

Camden Rockport Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathways Committee
Minutes
Nov 11, 2020 – Zoom call
6:00 pm

Present:

Helen Shaw – Rockport
Margo Murphy – Rockport
Lynda Clancy – Rockport
Heidi Baker, Rockport
Richard Stetson – Camden
Geoff Scott – Camden
Anita Brosius-Scott – Camden
Alison McKellar, Camden Select Board Liaison

Absent:

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

Oct Minutes – Accepted as amended.

Committee Members – We need another Rockport member. Please keep this in mind and bring forward possible volunteers.

Riverwalk – Knowlton street parking is being used as a temporary skateboard park. Select Board will be discussing options for a long-term location. Lions Club has clear cut the area behind the club and the Riverwalk. Could exacerbate the Riverwalk erosion issues. **Action** – **Geoff** to meet with Public Works Director to discuss options to mitigate the erosion.

Route 90 – There was a group who met at the Snowbowl to look at the Round the Mountain Trail. Sarah Austin, one of the volunteer members of the Sea to Summit group in Rockland, was one of those who attended. She reaffirmed their interest in moving forward with the project and connecting to Route 90 somewhere out near Tolman Pond.

Market Basket is up for sale. Discussion about how this property is important for the Rte 1/Rte 90 crossings. Once the property is sold, Committee will reach out to inform the new owner about the future vision for the corner.

The ongoing challenge continues to be about crossing Rte 90 at CHRHS or Cross St. or somewhere in between. **Action** – **Margo and Lynda** will meet and come up with suggestions on how to move forward.

Bike Awareness – Norwood has been painted with Advisory lanes. Mechanic St will be painted with sharrows in the spring. Fog lanes will also probably be done then due to the onset of the cold weather. Norwood seems to be working,

but there is no signage or explanation of how advisory lanes 'work.' **Action – Geoff** to ask Public Works about plans for signage. **Action - Geoff** will work with Lynda and Alison on getting an info page up on the Camden website. Eventually will publish series of small informational articles about advisory lanes and sharrows.

Downtown Drainage – Committee thought it would be good to check in with Mike Clark, resident inspector on the project, to make sure all the recommendations were incorporated into the current plan. **Action - Geoff** to contact.

Safer Routes Forum – reminder to the committee of the Zoom call for the next informational meeting on Nov 18th, 6 pm. Geoff will route the information.

Aldermere Farms – the Farm is planning to move their fence line in 2021. About 2/3 of the fence line along Russell needs replacement. This may be an opportunity to locate a walking path along the fence line. The Farm Manager, Heidi Baker, met with Mike Young to talk about drainage issues. Drainage is creating the dropoff along the Russell. The Farm is trying to keep the moisture in the pastures, especially on the Lily Pond side. Easements on various sections of the Farm also need to be considered, like paving is not permitted. Aldermere is starting to do some of the design. Their budget is only to remove fencing and replace, not for a pathway. Maybe we can partner and explore for grant opportunities. Maybe engage the Town as well. **Action – Geoff** to ask Town Manager for direction on whether to speak with town planner to or development director. Given grant timetables, perhaps we can do the project in two phases? Heidi says that would be hard because of grading – and should be done in conjunction with the fence redo which will be done in 2021.

AARP Age Friendly Designation – spoke with BCM and they feel that the Pathways Committee could act as the group to submit the application. **Action – Anita** will help with this. If we are designated, this will help the town with potential AARP grants.

Library in Rockport – there was discussion whether the originally planned bump out on ocean side is being constructed. The bump out was to resolve the awkward intersection at Russell and Main. **Action – Helen** will give Mike Young a call. And if not Mike, maybe Charlie at Phi? Or maybe Farley and Sons.

Adjourned 7:45