

Minutes
Oct 6, 2021 – Zoom call
6:09 pm

Present:

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

Absent:

Will Galloway – Camden
Mark Kelly – Rockport Select Board Liaison

Sept Minutes – Accepted as corrected.

Robert Davis – the committee recognized Robert's passing and his service to the committee.

Committee Membership – Action – **Lynda, Heidi, Margo** will put their heads together to come up with options for a new Rockport candidate. Discussion whether to include a student on the committee. Agreed it was a good idea. Also to make it clear to all future candidates that our mission is to connect destinations in contrast to, for example, building recreational trails.

Committee Announcements – the towns have asked for Zoom links to be sent out earlier. **Action** – **Alison** will forward a zoom link that will be valid for all meetings going forward. **Action** – **Geoff** will forward to the Town offices. Helen reminded the group that though she'd like her .gov email used for all correspondence, that for zoom meetings to please use her personal email address.

Maritime and Shirrtail Sidewalk extensions – no update. Probably will start these projects in the spring.

Riverwalk – no update.

Route 90 – an email was sent to Patrick Adams at MDOT. Patrick Adams was willing to help identify grant monies – 50:50 matching grant to begin planning for the Rte 90 corridor. With \$10K already in reserve funds, that means we currently have \$20K for a planning grant. Another option would be to incorporate a planning grant for Route 90 when the new sewer is being discussed. Lynda did not mention the sewer extension to

Patrick, but will keep reminding. Planning grant work bumps a project up on the list of DOT projects. Suggested that we check in with the Rockport SB to see if they're still on board with Rte 90 planning. Also need to have Jon Duke on board. Lynda says the next step is to contact Patrick Adams again and check in with him.

Old RES school site – there will be a request for \$35K sent to vote in Nov for a planning grant for the site.

Sharrows - Anita showed the sharrow education signs. Discussed where to put them up along Mechanic St. Anita will evaluate the options. Before using utility poles (vs. wire wickets or other objects), will await Dave St. Laurent's approval. No decision on how long they should stay up, perhaps until they come down naturally?

Sidewalk Surveys – there are five sections in Camden that need doing. Still awaiting reports back from Andrew and Richard (**Action items for Andrew and Richard**). In Rockport, Helen has done 3 sections. **Action** – **Lynda** will finish West Rockport, Glen Cove, Rockville, and Ingraham Hill with Heidi or Margo. Helen mentioned that Rockport is considering removing some sidewalks. Committee thought this was a good idea but wondered what the process was to decide which sidewalks. And if a sidewalk were removed could there be a new designation like a “shared street” where bikes/cars/pedestrians all share the street?

Cobb Hill Rd – the connector to Ames Terrace is a utility easement. The public has been using this as a public path for more than 30 years. Asking the town to formalize the easement for public access.

Remote Participation in Rockport – Geoff spoke with Jon Duke, Rockport Town Manager, and Jon said to incorporate a Public Hearing as part of our next face-to-face meeting (Dec 1). At that meeting we could formally vote on the state-mandated bylaws for meeting remotely. Diane Hamilton can help organize and advertise for us.

Camden Project List – Geoff shared the project list that Audra Caler discussed with the Camden Select Board. Of the 40+ projects about a quarter of them relate to Pathways. Those are:

Implementation – Currently Underway:

Downtown Master Plan Implementation – sidewalks (almost done)

Pedestrian Safety Program – overview of town safety issues

Rapid Flash Beacon Installation – Mechanic & Knowlton St. Intersection (done)

Implementation - Forthcoming 2021:

Washington Street Sidewalk (Matthew John to Shirttail Pt)

Washington Street Sidewalk (Alden St to Tannery)

Rte 1 Sidewalk (Quarry Hill to Maritime Farms)

Planning, Study and/or Engineering Currently Underway:

River Restoration

Paid Parking Management System

Pearl Street sidewalk extension

Engineering and/or Planning Forthcoming (2021-2022):

Pedestrian Safety Program

Rapid Flash Beacon Installation – Elm & Free St. Intersection

John St or Rte 1 (Stop & Go to Renys) - sidewalk

Rawson Avenue Bridge Replacement

Riverwalk

Downtown TIF Amendments – funding

Status to be determined:

Utility Poles

Would be great if Jon Duke could come up with a similar list for Rockport.

Adjourned 7:34