

Camden Rockport Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathways Committee
Rockport Town Office, Minutes
February 3, 2016
7:00 pm

Present:

Lynda Clancy –Rockport
Geoff Scott (minutes) –Camden
Helen Shaw – Rockport
Richard Stetson – Camden
Anita Brosius-Scott – Camden
Owen Casas – Rockport Select Board Liaison
Jamie Francomano – Rockport Development Director
Robert Davis –Camden
Wyatt McConnell – Camden

Absent:

John French – Camden Select Board Liaison
Erin Brainard – Rockport
Eliza Haselton –Rockport
Jane Self – Camden (Alt)
Tim Wooster – Camden (Alt)
Mac Thomas –Camden
Leni Gronros – Rockport

January Minutes – accepted as writer.

Non-Agenda Items:

ACE Team Survey

Anita reported that she received an email from Partnerships for Health on behalf of the Center for Disease Control that had a survey regarding Rockport and Camden's progress on ACE. **Action** – Anita will forward the email and **Action** – Geoff for Camden and **Action** – Lynda for Rockport will complete and return to them.

New Funding Idea

Owen wants to introduce the Committee to a new funding idea. It would be based on the way funding was obtained in Belfast for the Passy Trail, where property taxes went up after the trail was constructed. This idea would guarantee any abutters that their taxes would not go up. **Action** – for discussion at the next Pathways meeting

Signals at Rte 90 and Rte 1

Slated on the MDOT agenda for 2016. Going to be done this fall. Mike Young, Rockport Public Works, is monitoring the MDOT work and working with the Town Manager and SB on how to create a pedestrian crossing as part of the signal upgrade. Jamie is optimistic that MDOT will roll one crossing in, if the Town extends the West St sidewalk up to Rte 1. The reality is need to have a sidewalk according to Catherine Rand, MDOT planner. There was a field meeting with Will Gartley, Mike Young, Jamie, Catherine Rand, and Don Ettinger (Engineer – Gorrill Palmer). The SB voted to support funding a sidewalk. Pathways wants to be officially part of this effort and

be kept apprised of related meetings. We must keep the vision of the Pathways Master Plan and Comp plan. **Action – Jamie** will make sure we're on the distribution list. **Action – All, Mar 7** public info meeting with MDOT regarding. Want to push for inclusion of any electronics that would support future upgrading of the intersection for pedestrian controls.

Signals at Rte 90 and Rte 17

Shouldn't we be submitting a request for pedestrian controls at this intersection? Perhaps the strategy is to approach this question at the Public Info session, Mar 7. Once the announcement is made by MDOT we need to spread the word. **Action Lynda** will watch the DOT site.

Agenda Items

Pedestrian and Bicycle facilities maintenance

Rockport Public Works – **Action Helen** will take the priorities that were sent to the SB and remind Mike Young about those priorities for budget.

Camden Public Works – **Action Geoff** will speak with Rick Seibel about priorities that were sent to him and SB for the budget.

When speaking with the Public Works depts. emphasize that their budgets look fine – just want to point out the rationale for the Pathways priorities. Underscore the concerns for a healthy community and economic development and health. Regarding telephone pole hazards in sidewalks, we want to focus on getting people of all means, wheelchairs, down all the sidewalks. In Camden, the benefit is that it will be easier for the sidewalks to be plowed by the motorized plow.

Workshop with Julie Isbill

Who is interested in a planning session with Julie for the Riverwalk where she facilitates long range planning? Wyatt, Robert, Anita, Mac

Work Groups

The reality is this committee has too much on its plate to discuss and work out details on all our projects. We either need to meet twice a month or to form work groups so that we can move our projects along in a more timely fashion. Committee decided to form work groups that will meet once a month, separate than the entire group. Tentative work groups and assignments:

- Rte 1 North – Wyatt, Lynda, Richard, Jane, Geoff
- Rte 90 – Owen, Lynda, Leni, Richard
- Maritime Farms – Helen, Anita, Robert, Owen, Jamie
- Riverwalk – Mac, Geoff, Wyatt, Anita

Meeting adjourned at 9:10