

Camden Rockport Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathways Committee
Rockport Town Office, Minutes
October 7, 2015
7:00 pm

Present:

Geoff Scott –Camden
Mac Thomas –Camden
Lynda Clancy –Rockport
Wyatt McConnell – Camden
Leni Gronros (minutes) - Rockport
Robert Davis –Camden
Helen Shaw – Rockport
Anita Brosius-Scott – Camden
Richard Stetson – Camden
Jane Self – Camden (Alt)
Erin Brainard - Rockport

Absent:

John French – Camden Select Board Liaison
Owen Casas – Rockport
Eliza Haselton –Rockport

Guests:

James Francomino – Development Director, Rockport
Tom Peaco – Executive Directory Penobscot Bay Regional Chamber of Commerce

Action Items from meeting

Geoff to send out Rough drawing of Camden entrance and grant proposal.
Geoff to send out copies of the Riverwalk sign logo
Geoff to send Rockport Master Plan to Stacey at Rockport Town Office
Anita to place a sign at Seabright site to let neighbors know of impending construction
Mac to put together a press release on Seabright construction
Jane to notify Zenith and Intercept of volunteer opportunities for construction
Geoff to put Rt105 project to Karen Brace's attention
Lynda and Anita to meet with Don White to discuss the C-Pathways Vision to be added to
Comprehensive Plan
Leni to notify Rotary of volunteer work weekend, Nov 7-8 for Riverwalk at Seabright

August Minutes. – accepted as amended.

New Agenda Items

Leni added a report on the Erickson Field trail and the meeting with Aldemere Farm/ Maine Coast Heritage Trust. If time allows.

Special Guest Tom Peaco

We initially invited Tom to come to a meeting because of a shared interest in the future of the Chamber owned property at the intersection of Route 1 and 90. Given our progress on moving along with the path along West Street it seemed like a good place to start. Tom shared with us his background starting off with Make-A-Wish and then coming to the chamber. He said he wanted to share two things with us the chamber is starting to focus on.

1. Getting people to not see our area as just a place to stop over for a night on the way to Bar Harbor.
2. The Chamber wants to do a better job marketing the outdoor opportunities our area has to offer.

Tom informed us they are selling the property on the corner as it is cost prohibitive to build a chamber office there. It consists of two parcels totaling approximately 5 acres. The proceeds from the sale will be put aside for a future capital project. We asked if language could be written into the sales agreement to allow for the pathway. Tom indicated that the people who were interested should be easy to work with.

Route 1 pathway and southern Camden Entrance

Anita gave us an update on where progress is with this project. After repeated attempts to contact Pat Finnigan she got the answer that the C-R Pathways committee needs to re-present the project to the Camden Select Board. The joint committee will not be convened until that happens. We are empowered to move ahead with the visioning plans for the pathway. Geoff has a rough drawing to circulate. Erin asked for a copy of the grant proposal which Geoff will send to her. Our vision is for a multi-use pathway that is 8' wide and separated from Rt 1 by a grass covered esplanade. Geoff to add discussion to next month's agenda.

Riverwalk Ribbon Cutting

Wyatt reported that there were 60+ people in attendance at any given time and at times possibly more. Everyone had a good time. Special thanks to all that contributed to the day! From discussion with those in attendance it was determined that signage is needed for when the Seabright section comes online. Geoff proposed a logo for the signs that was based on the original pathways logo designed by Carol Sebold. He will circulate copies and put a copy on the Facebook page. Wyatt is following up on pricing for the signs.

Rockport Select Board Meeting

We are scheduled to appear at the December 14th meeting to present the Rockport Pathways Master Plan. Leni will send Tom Peaco a copy of Master Plan and he was encouraged to attend. Geoff to send out final plan to Stacey at the Town Office.

Seabright

Mac and Will Gartley put together the application for Landon to present to the Camden Planning Board. At one point the CPB got into details about discrepancies between the application and the supporting documents. After delineating the corrections they were looking for, they implied the corrected application would be approved at the next CPB meeting. Construction to start at the end of October. .

Jane suggested that we contact the neighbors to the Seabright path and let them know what is happening. Despite the public announcements many have no idea what is going on. Anita will get a sign up at the site. Mac will put together a press release. This will be shared on our Facebook page.

Maine Conservation Corp will be onsite from October 26 - November 13. There is a volunteer weekend scheduled for November 7 and 8th. Leni to let Rotary and Interact know when press release is done. Tom Peaco suggested press releases also be given to the Chamber to be included in its newsletters.

CMLT is open to moving the trail license closer to their building at the site. Geoff to work with Ian to get survey points to Gartley & Dortsy.

Route 105 to Shirt Tail update

Anita updated the group on where this project is. This was originally a 2010 grant written for the 2013 budget year. It is currently mired in that it needs 4 easements from landowners. There was confusion on who was leading this effort. Originally it was the town, then Gartly & Dorstky ended up doing it for the town. MDOT needed it submitted a certain way so G&D ended up doing that as well as the Right of Way mapping. Environmental Permitting has cleared. The project is now flagged as red to proceed with funds in the 2016 state budget. Geoff will get this onto Karen Brace's desk.

Micro Grant Opportunity – Every Body Walks

Mac agreed to look into this and submit an application. It seems targeted at putting on meetings and programs to promote a project. But perhaps would be suitable for Riverwalk signage?

Camden Comprehensive Plan Chapter 9

Anita updated us on this project. Our suggestions were discarded in the draft version. Anita and Lynda will meet with Don White to discuss.

Wyatt suggested adding language for Handicap Accessibility to section A. Geoff wants to add provisions for community input and that landowner input must be obtained in section D. The project listing should also be revised. Please submit suggestions to Anita by Monday October 12th. Anita to send out electronically

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:12pm.