

Camden Rockport Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathways Committee
Camden Town Office, Minutes
Nov 6, 2013
7:05 pm

Present: Geoff Scott (minutes), Anita Brosius-Scott, Robert Davis, Helen Shaw,
Kathleen Bachus, Leni Gronros, John Anders, Richard Stetson
Camden Select Board Liaison – Leonard Lookner
Rockport Select Board Liaison – Ken McKinley

Guest: Nancy Laite, RALA Program

- Sept and Oct minutes – approved
- Possible Rockport committee members – Eliza Hasleton and Rob Isbit. **Action - Leni** will post the need for a Rockport member on the Facebook page.
- Nancy Laite – Knox Cmty Health Org. Working with RALA – for towns with populations of 10K and less. Idea is to assess small towns for what sort of physical activity facilities they have. They've determined a direct link between health and economics. There are three tools they use that take an inventory of facilities at the town, street, and sidewalk levels. ACE team is something different. Community Transformation Grant – forms ACE – ACE needs a project. RALA is a wonderful project for them. CDC oversees CTGs. When CTG members visited they were impressed with RALA progress, and the way our citizens, state, and local govts are working together. Hoping that RALA will help Camden on multiple levels. RALA was completed in 4 hours. Ken McKinley says Rockport Town Manager is interested. Nancy would work with Rockport too.
- Final report from TY Lin. Geoff shared that the final report is posted on the Camden website and that it will act as a good guide as we move forward with both the Landing and Riverwalk projects. Unanimous support from the Committee for Geoff to speak in support of the report at the presentation of the report to the Select Board.
- RTP Grant – next round is due end of November. Does the group want to move ahead with a grant proposal in support of Brian Hodges. If so, which section of the Riverwalk, or other project, makes the most sense? There were two possibilities discussed. A lower section between Knowlton and the Middle School, CRMS, and an upper section through Seabright Park. Though the Committee feels the lower section around CRMS would serve more people and therefore would be a higher priority, it was clear that pulling together the needed support for submitting an RTP would not be possible. The Seabright Park section was an excellent alternative, and including some sort of visual connection along the existing sidewalk on Mt. Battie Street would help link this section to the Tannery section. It was unanimous to recommend and support the town submitting an RTP for this project. **Action – Geoff** to represent and support to SB and work with Brian on writing.

- Tannery Riverwalk Construction – the path is done. Construction of the observation deck and railing/seating around the cement platform will be done by the MCC in the spring as part of a training project.
- Conway, John, and Rte 1 – Robert reported that this work is still in the design phase. Three different options are being considered and will be discussed in a joint SB meeting. Committee suggested that Pat speak to engineers about where sidewalk would be integrated. This is directly tied to the Rte 1 Bus Stop/sidewalk design grant. **Action - Robert** will stay on this project, will be the representative.
- Project work – Leni asked for clarification on how work/projects get done. The Committee unanimously agreed that individuals should be assigned to projects and to act as our representative.
- Comp Plan – Anita reported out to the Committee on her work and asked for input. She's integrated historic Pathways discussions and documents/committee related work. Incorporated Gateway I materials when appropriate. ACE designation added. Also RALA. Incorporated Walkability study. Then moved onto the Pathways Committee, in support of all the above goals/directions. Added the Committee goals. Looking for input on definitions like: sidewalk, shared use path (multi-use) or bikeway, unpaved path. Definition should try to cover all the general options and encourage safe passage for pedestrians between destinations. Pathways – general term – for lots of different structures. Recommend to codify Pathways incorporation wherever possible, in as many sections of the comp plan as possible. Construction of pathways ensures maximum safety of pedestrians and non-motorized vehicles from motorized vehicles by incorporating esplanades. Incorporated Pathways Master Plan. **Action – ALL** to review and give input to Anita.
- Remainder of items tabled.

Adjourned 9:10 pm

Next Meeting Dec 4 Rockport.