

Camden Rockport Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathways Committee
Rockport Town Office, Minutes
August 5, 2015
7:00 pm

Present:

Geoff Scott –Camden
Mac Thomas –Camden
Lynda Clancy –Rockport
Owen Casas – Rockport
Wyatt McConnell – Camden
Eliza Haselton –Rockport
Leni Gronros (minutes) - Rockport
Ken McKinley - Rockport Select Board Liaison
Robert Davis –Camden
Helen Shaw – Rockport

Absent:

John French – Camden Select Board Liaison
Anita Brosius-Scott – Camden
Richard Stetson – Camden
Erin Brainerd - Rockport

Guests:

James Francomino – Development Director, Rockport

Action Items from meeting

Invite Karen Brace, Camden Development Director to next meeting – Leni
Circulate names and contact information of committee members to the committee members - Geoff
Invite Tom Peaco, Director Chamber of Commerce to a future meeting – Leni
Inviting Chellie Pingree to Riverwalk Ribbon Cutting – Owen
Inviting Dave Miramant to Riverwalk Ribbon Cutting – Geoff
Inviting Joan Welsh to Riverwalk Ribbon Cutting – Geoff
Get on agenda for Camden Select Board to approve Riverwalk event and parking –Wyatt
Check on Rotary Tent for Riverwalk event - Leni.
Inquire to Flatbread about food for Riverwalk event - Eliza

Announcement – Erin Brainerd is a new committee member representing Rockport

July Minutes. – accepted as written.

Karen Brace, Development Director for Camden– It was discussed that she should attend our next meeting. It was decided that Leni would contact her and invite her. Seconded by Lynda.

Rockport Master Plan

Lynda reported she received an email from Ginny at Rockport Town Office that the \$13,324 in the Jacobs Quarry account will be moved to a Pathways Reserve Account. In addition, \$5,000 was budgeted for pathways reserve in the FY 15-16 Rockport budget, so once this

reserve account is established, it will have a balance of \$18,424.64. This amount will be used for funding future Pathways projects.

Lynda also received the following message from Ken McKinley of the select board: *The money left over from the Union Street Pathway has been noted in the town audit in recent years as "Jacob's Quarry Pathway" and amounts to \$13,424.64. A true "Pathways Reserve" account has not existed. However, the Select Board will vote at it's meeting next Monday to formally establish a Pathways Reserve Account, and the balance from the Jacob's Quarry line would be transferred to this account. In addition, \$5,000 was budgeted for pathways reserve in the FY 15-16 budget, so once this reserve account is established, it will have a balance of \$18,424.64.*

The proposed purpose of the reserve account has been written as: "The purpose of the Pathways Reserve is to provide funding for repair, preservation, maintenance, and/or construction of pathways, walkways, or trails within the boundary limits of the town."

So, in terms of the Rockport Pathways Master Plan, I would suggest writing something that assumes that the reserve account is approved by the Select Board on Monday. I have no reason to believe that it will not be, although I will be out of town and will miss the meeting. It's worth noting, though, that with the transition of liaison from me to Owen, there are now three members of the board who have served as liaison to the Pathways Committee!

Suggested verbiage (feel free to edit as needed): The town has established a Reserve to provide funding for repair, preservation, maintenance, and/or construction of pathways, walkways, or trails within the boundary limits of the town. As of (date of adoption of Master Plan) the balance of that fund was \$18,424.64. The committee urges the town to contribute to this fund annually to make sure funds are available when opportunities for pathways projects arise.

Discussion commenced on if we can request a certain amount of money. It was decided that the Pathways Committee would ask that the annual budget would include wording that suggested that "no less than \$5,000" be included every year.

Geoff and Lynda worked out how this would be worded in the Master Plan when submitted to the Rockport Select Board. Committee voted to approve and send to SB.

Jamie Francomino left the meeting at the conclusion of discussion on the Master Plan.

Lynda, Geoff, and Leni to attend Monday nights Select Board Meeting to present. *Note: Master Plan discussion was rescheduled for September SB meeting to allow SB members to familiarize themselves with the plan.*

Committee Members

Discussion was brought up about who is actually on the committee. Geoff to circulate member list to all committee members.

Penboscot Bay Regional Chamber of Commerce

Given the momentum on the Rt 90 projects it was decided that we should invite the new director of the chamber, Tom Peaco, to a future meeting. Leni will invite.

Camden Riverwalk Ribbon Cutting Event

Owen is reaching out to Dave Jackson about Chellie Pingree attending. Geoff will invite Dave Miramant and Joan Welsh to attend. Chris Rector said he will attend if possible.

The date of the event has been changed and is now Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 10am-noon.

Miners Creek Blue Grass band will supply music.
Wyatt's wife will do face painting
Kris Federle will talk about birds and put on a scavenger hunt.

To be done:

Get on agenda for Camden Select Board to approve event on parking – Wyatt/Geoff
Finger food
Parking

There will be a trail clean up day on September 8, 2015 for about an hour starting at 5pm. Facebook Event page to be created after getting SB approval. Leni to create.

Owen will create flyers for the event. Wyatt and Owen will post around town.

Geoff got approval to get power from the house on the corner.
Leni will check on getting the Rotary tent
Owen will bring tables and chairs from The Study Hall.
Eliza will talk to Flatbread about food.

Seabright

Status: Mac submitted the permit by rule. Hasn't heard back. Needs to work on the checklist. Geoff is working on CMLT - trail license is in the packet for the Camden Select Board. Gartley & Dorsky is standing by ready to go.

Guiding Principals – Camden Riverwalk Master Plan

Wyatt and Geoff put together. Geoff to send to Parks & Rec for comment and distribute to the committee.

Camden Master Plan

Sidewalk survey was done. It was suggested that we follow the process used on the Rockport Master Plan and make lists, prioritize, integrate the results back in and incorporate the walk ability audit.

Route 90

Schedule a regular time to meet with Jamie and move along with this project. Ask Jamie about grants that are available. Lynda suggested a subcommittee to work on this project. Lynda will set up a meeting with Jamie.

Stairs on Elm St.

Robert presented a sketch of the stairs on Elm St. and his proposal to remove the stairs and replace with a ramp. The stairs are not ADA compliant and are not cleaned off in the winter. This project was well received and would need funding. Geoff suggested sending this to Rick Siebel to get a quote on how much this project would cost.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

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