

Camden Rockport Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathways Committee  
Camden Town Office, Minutes  
July 3, 2013  
7:10 pm

Present: Geoff Scott (minutes), Anita Brosius-Scott, Robert Davis, Helen Shaw,  
Kathleen Bachus

- June minutes – approved – as written
- No new Agenda Items.
- Report on Transit Meeting – Kathleen reported they met on 25<sup>th</sup> June – officialy called the Midcoast Transit Committee (MTC). MTC hired a group to look into feasibility study for public transport in Thomaston, Rockport, Rockland and Camden. Basically a 12 mile route – which is a good distance based on their experience. A bus, on avg, goes about 12 miles per hour. So full route back and forth would be two hours. They discussed a fixed route versus a demand response route. Fixed route has standard stops versus demand response buses which go off route based on prior day request. Right now Coastal Trans sort of serves the demand response purpose but must be reserved the day before. Some communities alternate fixed route days and demand response days. It takes 3000 people per square mile to run a break even bus route, and we have 150 people per square mile. The meeting began by asking the group if anyone would use; most were in favor of but wouldn't use it. Bus would run 7-7. Five business owners from north of Camden on Route 1 talked about issues related to their student workers and visitors who want to come into Camden or live in Camden. Cabs are \$40 from Lincolnville to Camden – one way. Feeling was if you build it they will come – because of all the various reasons that people would us and support the bus. There could be issues for users because of frequency of bus. Maybe as long as two hours round trip. So maybe two buses? There were 650 responses to the survey. Continuing to do feasibility study and will wrap up the study in spring 2014. The Committee asked Kathleen to take back to the MTC consideration for bikes on the buses or bike racks.
- PR – no news
- MCP Riverwalk community meeting – facilitated by TY Lin. TY divided evening into two – one part for Riverwalk, one for Public Landing. Gave overview of the riverwalk, lots of questions from the audience, consultants weren't able to answer/field all the questions. The Committee was split on the effectiveness of the presentation. Some felt they offered proposals for both short and long term vision. Other Committee members present felt like TY sat down the day prior to put together their thoughts and plans but didn't seem to offer anything more than what the Pathways Committee had already done. Nothing in the vision that would imply any use of private property. Not even for long range vision. Disappointing.

Committee recommends adding a line along the river per the Pathways

recommendation – “long range” – open for public dialogue to incentivize private landowners to allow access. Encourage consultants to come up with creative solutions to the challenges – both financial. What was the rationale for not considering Tannery Lane – even the last section closest to Tannery Lane. Idea: trade Tannery Lane section in front of the Riverhouse for access along the river. What does TY Lin see as the process or their vision for eventually moving the riverwalk to along the river? Action – Geoff to follow up.

- For the landing – offered two possible concepts – the first for maximum parking, another for 20 fewer parking spots, with an opportunity for additional architectural features, which weren’t specified. Most people were supportive of the first, maximizing parking. That proposal basically tidied up the current layout and offered a few landscaping features.
- Public Landing – Would have liked to see something more inspiring, more creative. The second choice of minimal parking in the middle was not sold and/or not creatively presented well. Alley needs to be improved as a ped way. Action – Anita to check online for minutes from this meeting let everyone know.
- Tannery – Riverwalk construction – Maine Conservation Corps has asked whether we might be able to locate a machine to prep for the trail construction rather than spend money on the motorized wheelbarrow. Answer – yes. Second question – change construction dates to later in Oct, Oct 7-15 and 21-25. Columbus Day, the 14<sup>th</sup>, would be a big volunteer day – that’s a Monday. So the 12, 13 or 14<sup>th</sup> (Columbus Day) would be volunteer days. Action – Leni to ask Rotary for anyone with bobcat like machine and tamping machine – also Jackson Landscaping – Anita; Rick Seibel – Geoff. Route 90 rental for both?
- Comp Plan – confirming Anita and Robert – co-chairs and are working on developing common sections for both Camden and Rockport.
- Action – Geoff to speak with Leonard on his availability for our meeting. Anything more he needs from me to be a better liaison?

Adjourned – 8:35