

Camden Rockport Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathways Committee  
Rockport Town Office, Minutes  
June 1, 2016  
7:00 pm

**Present:**

Geoff Scott –Camden  
Leni Gronros (minutes) – Rockport  
Owen Casas – Rockport Liason  
Robert Davis –Camden  
Helen Shaw – Rockport  
James Francomino – Rockport Development Director  
Richard Stetson – Camden  
Don White – Camden Select Board Liaison  
Anita Brosius-Scott – Camden

**Absent:**

Jane Self – Camden (Alt)  
Wyatt McConnell – Camden  
Eliza Haselton –Rockport  
Mac Thomas –Camden  
Lynda Clancy –Rockport

**Minutes from May:**

Accepted with changes

**New Agenda Items for the end of meeting:**

Library planning – Helen Shaw  
Rawson Ave – Anita Brosius-Scott

**Committee Member Status:**

Committee members Anita, Richard, and Wyatt all up for reappointment. Anita and Richard have confirmed they are continuing. Geoff will check with Wyatt.

*Work Groups*

**Southern Gateway:**

A memo has been sent to Aurele Gorneau of MDOT about us having further input into the project. We asked questions about curbing, esplanades, and path. We need to have our final recommendations in by June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The big question is quality versus quantity. That is, if we incorporate all our recommendations, the grant funds are insufficient to complete the entire length. Our recommendation will be to build a shorter, higher quality path.

Jaimie and Geoff provided a map of the project. We reviewed the write ups for the parts of the project. Hannaford needs to be contacted to coordinate pedestrian in their parking lot. They need to be informed of the progress and invited to collaborate, whether by Pathways or MDOT.

There was much discussion on the recommendations that will be conveyed through the map. Primary recommendations will be an esplanade, remove the esplanade when not easy/feasible (like where ledge encroaches), and shorten the length constructed if necessary. To reduce expenses, put off costs of rebuilding to make the crossing at Camden St more ped friendly and put off the ped signal being added until the Hannaford signal upgraded (hopefully added at no cost at that time).

The project appears to be short on funds by \$150k (maybe \$100K with the cost savings recommended). Where will the funds come from? Since the town of Camden is the applicant for the project all correspondence must go through them. Any changes we propose must include cost estimates. Jamie believes we need to stop changing our minds and give them our final vision of the project. The disconnect is between the vision and the original application put forth by Brian Hodges that did not include the esplanade or other key features we would like to see in the project.

Jamie will amend the map and submit it to Pat Finnigan who will forward it to MDOT and ask for a follow up meeting. Don White, Camden SB liaison strongly objected to this strategy and requested that the group hold off sending anything to Pat so that he has a chance to speak with her.

**MDOT Project Plans** – it was noted that the Committee needs to develop better systems for keeping abreast of MDOT construction plans. For example the group knew nothing of the Pascal/1A project that is in process in Rockport. Nor the outer Rte 105 project, extending beyond Molyneaux Rd in Camden. Someone needs to monitor the MDOT work web page.

**Camden River Walk** – The new culvert has been installed at Seabright. Casella Waste Management may come and do more work as part of a community project to finish the work the Maine Conservation Corp wasn't able to complete last fall and this spring

**Route 90** - the workgroup is setting up a meeting with Theo in Falmouth to look at their project which is very similar in scope to ours. They are meeting in mid June.

**Route 1 North** – Geoff is sending a follow up message with rationale for 5' shoulder.

**Camden Sidewalks** – did not meet.

**MAP Committee** – the Camden Parks and Rec map is undergoing revisions and ready to print. Will be available in mid June.

**Master Plan for Camden** – We still need to set priorities.

**Friends of Pathways** – tabled to next meeting

### ***New Items***

**Rockport Library** – Helen presented a proposal from the Library committee seeking endorsement to the SB from Pathways. We will be sending a letter of support with the stipulation that we do not endorse the proposed inside sidewalk on the corner of Central and \Union Streets. We all agree it narrows the road to much and is dangerous.

**Rawson Ave** – Anita working to get this street higher on the Camden SB priority list. Don says come up with a plan and bring to the SB.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:10 pm.