

Camden Rockport Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathways Committee  
Rockport Town Office, Minutes  
April 4, 2012  
7:00 pm

Present: Geoff Scott (minutes), Helen Shaw, Ellen Simmons, Leni Gronros, Richard Stetson

- Minutes – March approved as written.
- Walkability – a group has formed consisting of community members of Rockland and Rockport. Their focus is how to improve walkability in the area once Walmart moves out. They're looking at streetscaping and traffic calming in the area and are also working on extending sidewalk up to where current Walmart stands.
- Rotary – Leni reported that grant papers are ready to go through. He's awaiting numbers from budget approval in Rockport. **Action:** Geoff to email Helen to get budget number and forward to Leni.
- Gateway I has asked for an inventory of projects for the area so they are prepared to present to the federal government when they ask for it (MDOT). We submitted the project for extending a sidewalk to the bus station and creating a ped crossing to Hannaford's as the primary recommendation.
- Trails Coalition Meeting – another meeting occurred in March. The group is diverse with many common interests but working in very different parts of the region focused on different groups. Everyone agrees there's good synergy but it's not clear how to leverage this energy. The group continues to be a work in progress.
- Geoff reported the Camden Budget committee approved a \$10K paving reserve fund that could be used for pathway construction and/or using for matching funds when applying for grants.
- PR – as soon as matching Town budget money comes in for the Harborwalk – and if Rotary can pitch in the final balance – then we've got a good story on the three way partnership: Rockport, Pathways, Rotary.
- Shirrtail Point project: committee discussed the summary minutes from the group that walked the area (including Alternate Member Jane Self) and agreed with the report. Particularly agreed that park needs to be maintained as a smaller more intimate park, no huge expansion. Agreed that moving the boating to a different area than swimming/wading was a good idea. Also agreed that the road needs to be fixed up and a few more parking spots added. Lighting was not clearly clarified; Pathways is strongly against any sort of lighting at Shirrtail.
- Shirrtail sidewalk extension – first round design engineering proposal is being drafted by Gartley and Dorsky. Should see in a few weeks.
- Adjourned 8:30