

Camden Rockport Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathways Committee
Rockport Town Office, Minutes
August 1, 2012
7:10 pm

Present: Geoff Scott (minutes), Helen Shaw, Sani Fogel, Lynda Clancy, John Anders
Rockport Select Board Liaison: Ken McKinley

- Minutes – July minutes approved as written.
- New Members – Lynda and Sani were welcomed and introduced.
- Camden Town Committee Workshop – Geoff reported that there was discussion about formalizing committee processes like minutes, election of chairperson and vice-chair, publishing meeting times, annual reports, etc. Rockport is doing similar work. Will share info with each town as it is formalized and becomes available. No actions at this time.
- Rockport Harborwalk – Sani shared the latest from those discussions involving limiting parking at the end of Mechanic Street to local residents. The parking there is creating a problem for residents, through traffic, and for emergency vehicles. Selectboard approved this new parking restriction.
- Rockport Capital Improvement Plan – will be reviewed annually. Discussion ensued around our recommendations/input for the plan. Ken clarified that we don't need actual costs at this stage of the planning. The following prioritized list is the result of that discussion:
 1. An extension of the existing sidewalk along the south side of outer Elm Street (in Camden) from Camden Street to the traffic signal at Hannaford's, to the Concord Trailways Bus Depot (Maritime Farms gas station) and beyond to connect to Country Inn Way allowing access to the hotel, the music store and restaurant south of the gas station. This includes a crosswalk at Camden Street and a pedestrian crossing signal at the Hannaford's intersection (Grant application in process)
 2. Rte 90 Phase I -- extend West Street existing sidewalk to Rt 1 Signal
 3. Rte 90 Phase II – extend sidewalk from Rte 1 Signal to CHRHS
 4. Rte 90 Phase III – pedestrian controlled crossing at Rte 1 Signal
 5. The “high” sidewalk on Pascal Avenue. Cost: ~ \$160,000
 6. Main Street – a curbed sidewalk on Main Street from the existing curbed sidewalk to the intersection with Camden Street and add a crosswalk across Main Street to town hall.

Action – Geoff to write up and send to Bob Peabody after committee review.

Action – Ken will explain to the Selectboard the reason the Rte 1 project is included is in case we're not awarded funding from the current MDOT grant application.

- Non-Agenda item: at a meeting with the Camden Selectboard John, in his role as NIMBA President, encouraged Camden to make the expansion of the Mountain Biking network, particularly on Ragged Mountain, a part of their strategic goals.

They agreed. A new committee has been formed to develop a strategic plan over the next 6 months for an expanded system at Ragged with connections to other pedestrian infrastructure; linkages to destinations, connections to pathways – either could be multi-use.

- Non-Agenda item: Ken requested we schedule a clean-up day for the Union Street path. It's particularly hazardous for cyclists. **Action-** item for next meeting's discussion.

Non-Agenda item: RES Buildings will be coming down this fall. We want to encourage improvement of vegetation around the property and discuss getting in a walking pathway around the perimeter. Perhaps a cinder path. **Action:** future agenda item.

8:50 adjourned

Next meeting 9/5