

Camden Rockport Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathways Committee
Rockport Town Office, Minutes
Dec 8, 2011
7:00 pm

Present: Geoff Scott (minutes), John Anders, Anita Brosius-Scott, Geoff Parker, Leni Gronros (late)

Guests: Flint Decker, John Sommo, Lisa Cote'

Meeting was held as a general information sharing session.

- John Sommo discussed Knox County idea of a county wide committee. Also shared vision in Rockland of 5 mile trail around inner harbor. Development Dir in Rockland spearheading.
- Parker – spoke about \$2500 Grant for historical easement search. Helen is part of.
- Sommo – need to advocate at State and Federal level
- Flint – Mtn Trails – saved about 350 miles of interconnected trails. Very progressive Park City – saved large sections of land through raising bonds. Very pro-active to single use as well as multi-use. Not limiting use can open more doors and the reverse can also be true. Also worked with equestrian on various services. Mtn Biking going up, horses going down.
- Value of properties related to path development – Flint – cuts both ways, depends upon the property owner. Geoff – concurs – depends upon the buyers.
- Lisa – Cape Cod – local attitude has completely changed over the 25 years. Initially against, now totally in support.
- Anders – advocates for some visioning for the area. Reach out and identify some stakeholders – meeting in Jan. Talk about oppty's for the area. Broader trail region/vision. Models for trail orgs – Portland Trails; supported by 22 fndns plus membership fee; Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship in Northern Calif – 15 person org; VT – Local Motion – annual membership 22 supporting fndns – welcome center in Burlington – bike rentals – bike; 4 seasons Trail org in Madawasgeg – turns into xc skiing; Maine Huts and Trails; Wyoming – Friends of Pathways – Snow King area Teton Freedom Riders local bike club. Work with municipalities, work both on and off road. Carabassett Valley is thinking of doing a Kingdom Trails model also collaborating with Maine Huts and Trails.
- Kingdom Trails – adopted snowmobile trails – slowly built the sophistication of the trails over the years. Only recently added partnership with ski slopes and doing lift serviced downhill trails.

- Parker – is it possible to partner with snowmobile clubs? May need considerable education. Snowmobile clubs don't seem to deal with towns – rather they deal with individual private landowners. **Action Anita:** send John contact info on snowmobile clubs.
- Sommo – better money spent getting kids to ride their bikes to school.
- Rotary – looking for another project. Meeting in Jan.
- **Action Geoff** - to look at room availability for Wed meetings meeting date change.
- **Action Geoff** to discuss with Pathways proposal for funds for obtaining easements.