

Camden Rockport Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathways Committee
Minutes
September 7, 2016
7:00 pm

Present:

Geoff Scott –Camden
Mac Thomas –Camden
Leni Gronros (minutes) – Rockport
Owen Casas – Rockport Liason
Robert Davis –Camden
Lynda Clancy –Rockport
Helen Shaw – Rockport
Richard Stetson – Camden
Anita Brosius-Scott – Camden
Don Titus - Rockport

Absent:

Don White – Camden Select Board Liaison
Jamie Francomano – Rockport Development Director

Guests:

Brian Lamb - possible Alternate member for Camden

August Minutes:

The minutes were accepted with amendments.

New Members:

Action - Owen to follow up with Trevor on becoming a Rockport member.
Leni proposed Maggie Timmerman who has expressed interest in joining. Need to get her information. **Action - Leni** will invite to next meeting.

Route 1 by Maritime Farms:

Geoff just received the initial plans for the project. There will be a review meeting October 20th or 27th. MDOT bumped themselves up in the budget which Geoff will forward the plans and budget to the committee for comment and suggestions. Looks like the project is considering some of the suggestions we've made such as some sidewalk lengths now have an esplanade. **Action- Geoff** to pull suggestions/questions together and forward to Pat for MDOT.

Geoff has been trying to get a meeting with Pat Finnigan without much success. Possible funding for the esplanades and other cost overruns on this project could come from the sidewalk being in the TIF district.

Seabright Riverwalk:

Ribbon Cutting Celebration.
Anita – brings coffee and bakes.
John T and Leni also bake.
Baked goods are needed which the committee is covering.

SB, Joan Welsh, Angus King, Chris Rector – all been invited.
Leni bringing tent. The tent will be there at 8am so hands needed to raise it up.
Wyatt bringing kid stuff and Emily will face paint
Owen bringing tables

Parks and Rec has committed to providing signage for the parts of the Riverwalk that are completed.

RTP:

Mac is updating the 2016 RTP application and resubmitting for 2017.

Route 90/West Street:

Will try to schedule a meeting with Rte 90 abutters including Stuart Smith (or his son Tyler) The new ped controls at Rte 90/Rte 1 intersection are going in so it's a good time to talk with them.

Route 1 North:

Advisory Group is working hard. Speed study will be underway in the next month. Suspect the best way forward is through asking for "Special Exceptions" as needed for consideration of different approaches to standard engineering designs. Advisory Group is trying to buy more time. Geoff is still trying to find out if it's possible to have a 10 foot vs 11 foot travel way along this section. Still lobbying for a 5' shoulder, but the group is resistant, and more supportive of a 4' shoulder. Geoff pointed to ASHTO recommendations of 5' in these situations.

Rockport Sidewalk Ordinance:

There is a meeting on September 8th to repeal the ordinance. Select Board thinks the Pathways Master plan and the Rockport Comp plan, together, covers the issues that this ordinance tries to address. Ken, Will Gartley and Ordinance Review Committee, after discussions, came up with the suggestion to repeal. Ken McKinley suggests an ordinance is designed to create behavior within the community. This sidewalk ordinance is more directed to how the Town behaves. After long discussion, the committee agreed with the repeal if it allows the high sidewalk on Pascal Ave to get done. **Action – Geoff** to give feedback to SB at the meeting. Committee will likely be involved with rewriting the ordinance or some variation thereof.

Master Plan for Camden:

Geoff to send around a reworked list of priorities, categorized by complex/not complex etc.

Geoff needs to add Riverwalk to the list. Geoff will wordsmith and send around.

Action – ALL – determine your individual priorities based on the next ten years and get back to Geoff.

Owen suggested the following arrangement of priority categories:

Handicap High, low

Renovations high, low

Existing projects high, low

New projects high, low

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.