

Old Orchard Beach Planning Board Site Walk & Workshop Minutes

Thursday, July 1, 2010

SITE WALK

SITE WALK: Proposal to extend the off-road Eastern Trail from Milliken Mills Road to the Saco Town Boundary. Planning Board will meet at Old Cascade Road near the old bridge abutments at 6:00pm to walk the proposed trail corridor.

Site Walk called to order at 6:00pm

ROLL CALL: Mark Koenigs, Eber Weinstein, Don Cote. **Absent:** Tianna Higgins, Karen Anderson, Win Winch. **Staff:** Jessica Wagner and Gary Lamb. **Applicants:** Steve Bushey (DHAII Engineer) and Carole Brush (ETMD Executive Director). **Abutters present:** Doug Doherty (9 Aspen Street) and Deb Richard (50 Milliken Mills Road).

WEATHER CONDITIONS: warm evening, slight rain, plenty of day-light.

Mr. Bushey showed the project map and explained the overview of the trail project. He explained the Mill Brook culvert design. He emphasized that this would be a non-motorized trail. He explained ownership of the land where the trail would be located.

Ms. Brush explained that Unitil will be the first point of contact if trail users see ATVs or illegal activities on the trail. There will be ‘no motorized vehicle’ signs with a Unitil phone number to call.

The group walked from Old Cascade Road to the Mill Brook crossing area.

Mr. Bushey explained the grade changes that were needed, the trail location in the corridor, and pointed out the location of proposed safety railings. He also explained the culvert design – a box culvert that would allow the stream bottom to exist under the culvert. This type of culvert will continue to allow fish to pass under the culvert undisturbed.

The group walked to the Cascade Road crossing area.

Mr. Bushey indicated that on the current plans, he shows the speed limit around this road crossing reduced from 45mph to 35mph. He explained that discussions were needed between MDOT and local Saco and OOB Police Departments to make this happen. State law requires the speed limit be no greater than 35mph in order to paint a cross walk at a road crossing. On Cascade Road, either the speed limit will remain 45pmh with no cross walk or it will be reduced to 35mph and there will be a painted cross walk. We are yet to determine exactly what will happen here. Ultimately it is up to MDOT because it is a state highway. He stated that regardless of what happens with the speed limit, there will be stop signs for trail users on both sides of the road crossing and bike signage will be painted on the roadway and located on signage posts. In terms of clearing vegetation, it will be easy to do this on land owned by ETMD, but we will need permission from Bidd-Saco Water and Unitil to cut back vegetation. He added that he will try to coordinate with the land owners to cut clear vegetation for visibility.

Site Walk Adjourned at 6:34pm

WORKSHOP

Roll Call: Don Cote, Mark Koenigs. **Absent:** Karen Anderson, Win Winch, Eber Weinstein, Tianna Higgins. **Staff:** Jessica Wagner and Gary Lamb.

NOT ENOUGH MEMBERS PRESENT FOR A QUORUM. NO WORKSHOP WAS HELD.

I, Jessica Wagner, Secretary to the Planning Board of the Town of Old Orchard Beach, do hereby certify that the foregoing document consisting of one (1) page is a true copy of the original minutes of the Planning Board Site Walk of July 1, 2010.