

Pathways Committee
May 29, 2013
Meeting Minutes
Wolfeboro Community Center

In attendance: Jim Eisenhower, George Vanderheiden, Barbara Laverick, Mal Blodget, Fred Tedeschi, Dave Ford, Ethan Hipple, Kathy Barnard.

Jim Eisenhower called the meeting to order at 5:05PM.

The minutes from the October 17, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's report - \$42,497 in the Pathways of Wolfeboro WEDCO account.

Dave Ford reported on the 2013 Public Works projects. There was some clean up done on the walking path on Elm Street. The culvert replacement project (near the Tibbetts' house) will be done this summer. The walkway in that area will be boxed out, it will be 4 feet wide and have stone dust on it.

There was a discussion regarding the need for some trail maintenance on the Abenaki bike trail. Ethan reported that work will be done next week. Dave Ford said that his crew will work on Filter Bed Road (dust control). Some trail maintenance is also needed at Sewall Woods.

There was discussion regarding the need for a designated bike path through Town. EDC supports this since it will encourage more people to come to Wolfeboro to use the bike trails. A plan needs to be developed to supplement the Master Plan. Sidewalks, bike paths and walking paths need to be interconnected. An inventory needs to be developed and cost estimates and the condition of these pathways/sidewalks included.. There was a brief discussion regarding funding of these projects. Jim indicated that this ties in with the EDC goals. Pathways needs to prioritize its projects while keeping the Master Plan in mind.

Kathy Barnard reported on the walkway from the existing trails at Front Bay to 109A. Volunteers worked on this project on two Saturdays and have cut through thick vegetation in the area. The last short section of this path leading out on to 109A will be completed at a later date.

There was a brief discussion about extending bike trails in Sewall Woods, but it was determined that a wetlands permit would be needed.

Kathy Barnard reported that the map committee has met several times. The next step will be to bring the map back to Pathways once White Mountain surveyors make additional corrections to the map.

Fred Tedeschi reported that he is almost finished with the bench he is constructing. He will take the bench to Sewall Woods, but a location for the bench needs to be determined.

It was reported that Bike and Walk Day was a success and had over 600 participants.

Jim reported that there will be a work session to discuss bike lanes in the downtown area and develop a plan. The group will look at other Towns that are similar in size to Wolfeboro to determine how they have dealt with this issue. Everyone on the Committee indicated an interest in participating along with Zach Tarter, chairman of EDC.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2013 at 5:00PM. Adjourned 6:10PM.

Submitted by Kathy Barnard, June 7, 2013