

Pathways Committee  
September 19, 2012  
Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Jim Eisenhower, George Vanderheiden, Mal Blodget, Fred Tedeschi, Art Slocum, Barbara Laverick, Vaune Dugan, Ethan Hipple, Kathy Barnard.

Chairman Jim Eisenhower called the meeting to order at 5:00PM at the Wolfeboro Community Center.

A motion was made, seconded and all voted to approve the August 15, 2012 minutes.

Jim reported that there is a balance of \$42,806.65 in the Pathways account at WEDCO. The cost for repairs to Sewall Woods (due to storm damage) was under \$5,000. Some repairs still need to be done at Abenaki.

Ethan Hipple reported that there is erosion on the Abenaki trails. Ethan suggested (and the committee members agreed) that a pile of stone dust needs to be kept at Abenaki. When erosion occurs the Parks and Recreation staff could then fix the eroded areas quicker. The weeds that were overgrowing the trails have been cut back.

There was a report about the successful opening of the new Front Bay Park on Bay Street and a brief discussion about making further improvements to the side of the road from Front Bay to 109A for easier and safer pedestrian access to the park. It was also noted that biking is not allowed on the new trails in the Park.

Jim Eisenhower reported that Public Works will be doing culvert work on the 109A Pathway which will help improve conditions on that pathway. Jim also reported that new sharrows have been placed on Waumbek Road and Bay Street. It was requested that the Committee receive an inventory of the roads where sidewalks might be a possibility. No further information has been obtained regarding the cost of constructing a tunnel under Center Street in the vicinity of The Nick.

Barbara Laverick and Kathy Barnard reviewed the map project. A map has been prepared that shows proposed biking and walking trails. The committee members determined the following needs to be considered:

- Need to clarify where the miles are measured from - streets and destinations
- Numbered routes - how the mileage is determined
- Review and make changes to the routes indicated easy, difficult, etc.
- Map needs to be simpler - on one side have a smaller area that includes the downtown area, beaches, Abenaki and Sewall Road and on the other side of the map include the whole Town.
- The symbols need to be consistent.
- Keep the houses on the map.
- Need a better description of the conservation areas and other points of interest.
- Meet with Ethan to make certain we have included all of the parks and recreation areas.
- Once completed this map needs to be "on line".
- South Wolfeboro Park needs to be removed.

The Map Committee will make further revisions and return to Pathways with updated information. Pathways Committee members were encouraged to get any additional suggestions regarding the map project to Jim Nupp, Barbara Laverick or Kathy Barnard.

Art Slocum reported that the TRAC Committee is working with a subcommittee from Brookfield and plans are under way to complete the Rail Trail to the Miss Wakefield Diner. The cost of the project is \$40,000 to \$50,000 and TRAC has pledged \$6,000. The trail will then be 6 miles in length.

There was a brief discussion regarding benches in Sewall Woods. Jim Eisenhower will return to the Committee with details.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2012 at 5:00PM.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00PM.

Submitted by  
Kathy Barnard  
September 23, 2012.