

Minutes
Pathways Committee
December 15, 2010

Members present: Jim Eisenhower, George Vanderheiden, Ethan Hipple, Barbara Laverick, Jim Nupp, John Adams, Tom O'Brien, Art Slocum, David Ford, Ted Greenberg, Kathy Barnard.

Jim Eisenhower called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

A motion was made by Barbara Laverick and seconded by Art Slocum to approve the October 20, 2010 minutes.

Jim Eisenhower gave the Treasurer's report. As of this date Pathways has \$226,363 in the bank. We have raised total pledges of \$291,448. Our goal is to raise a total of \$375,000. The cost to obtain the permit was approximately \$8,000.

David Ford discussed the need for Pathways to develop a policy to be presented to the Board of Selectmen regarding any road improvements in Town need to consider pedestrian and bike safety issues. The US Highway Department has such a policy and the State encourages this type of policy. Kathy Barnard will draft a policy to be considered by Pathways at a future meeting.

Dave Ford discussed various options for paving 4100 feet of Filter Bed Road as part of the proposed bike path. A 6 foot wide paved road would cost \$48,912 and a 12 foot wide paved road would cost \$94,413. We could consider a combination of widths to reduce the cost. We would need an estimate from Josh for this part of the project. This could be a public/private partnership. Dave cautioned that stone dust will not hold up on hills.

Dave then discussed adding a bike lane to Forest Road and said it would be very expensive to add a bike lane from North Main Street to Carry Beach. An alternate proposal could be to add a bike lane from Sewall Road to Carry Beach. The Committee members agreed.

Dave Ford then discussed Sharrows (pavement markers) for bike lanes. Committee members agreed that this is a good idea and should be implemented. We need to determine which streets should have the Sharrows. There was discussion about Forest Road and Pleasant Valley Road being the first roads to have the Sharrows. They are good for traffic calming as well as bike safety.

Jim Eisenhower and George Vanderheiden then discussed fund raising. The fund raising efforts will be renewed in the spring.

Barbara Laverick said that we should plan some type of event around Bike/Walk Day in May. Barbara, Ethan Hipple and Kathy Barnard will start organizing Bike/Walk Day in February.

Jim Eisenhower reported that the State permit had been obtained and construction is scheduled to begin in May. George mentioned that the Pathways Committee members need to talk to the neighbors on Clow Road prior to the beginning of construction to advise them of our project.

Web site: Jim Eisenhower said there are some misspelled words on the web site. Jim Nupp will review the web site. Jim reminded committee members to send him new and updated information for the web site.

Art Slocum reported that at the last Trac meeting there was a discussion about extending the rail trail to the Wakefield Diner.

The next meeting will be held on February 16, 2011 at 5:00PM. Kathy Barnard will provide a schedule of 2011 meeting dates after the first of the year.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10PM.

Submitted by
Kathy Barnard
December 16, 2010