

Minutes
Pathways Committee
March 16, 2011 corrected

Members present: George Vanderheiden; Jim Nupp, Art Slocum, Kathy Barnard

George Vanderheiden called the meeting to order at 5:05PM.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the December 15, 2010 minutes.

George reported that Pathways has \$276,013 in their account before disbursements.

The total project cost will be \$262,371. The cost was slightly increased due to the increased cost of materials, equipment rental and housing. There will be some trail widening at Sewall Woods. There have been some changes to the Abenaki trail so there will be no intrusion into the wetlands. Filter Bed Road will be resurfaced.

The contract has been signed and the project is completely funded. There is a need to do more fund raising to fund the operating fund. *During 2011 \$27,000 of pledges should be coming in.* The work will start at Abenaki next month and take about 6 weeks. Work will probably start at Sewall Woods June 1, 2011 and will take about 2 months. The project should be completed in August 2011.

The culvert issue at Sewall Woods has not been completely resolved. The culverts are now 8' long; the new culverts will be 12'. The culverts will cost \$225 /culvert. Pathways will pay for the culverts; the Cross Country Ski Association will pay for the installation of the culverts.

Pathways members need to talk to the residents of Clow Road to make them aware of the project and increased activity in the area. The staging will probably start in May so the discussions with the neighbors needs to be before May. Jim Nupp will talk to Cal Flagg to find out the names of the nearby residents. There was discussion about a possible open house at the warming hut. Also, there was discussion about the need for a sign on the property indicating that this is a privately funded project - funded by local residents. Also, the project is endorsed by the Lakes Region Conservation Trust.

Kathy Barnard reported that Bike/Walk Day will be held on May 13,2011. Barbara Laverick and Kathy are working with Ethan Hipple to help organize the event.

George reported that he has talked to Public Works Director Dave Ford about widening Forest Road for bike lanes. Forest Road is on the Public Works schedule for resurfacing this year and the project can be expanded to allow for improved drainage and bike lanes. The project area on Forest Road is from North Main Street to Hopewell Point Road. The estimated cost of the project is \$150,000 to \$200,000. A donor has agreed to pay for the cost of the widening from North Main to *Sewall Road*. The Town and Pathways will split the cost (approximately \$37,000) from *Sewall Road* to Hopewell Point Road. The

donor would contribute the cost of the widening project through the Pathways fund. This will be the first road in Wolfeboro with designated bike lanes and can be used as a model for other roads in Town. This project will be done in 2011. George made a motion to accept and endorse this widening project. Kathy Barnard seconded the motion. All voted in favor. This will be a Public/Private Partnership. Pathways should consider obtaining a sign that indicates such.

The funds for the widening of Forest Road and the improvements to the Abenaki trails need to be given to the Town as a gift and accepted by the Board of Selectmen at a BOS meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2011 at 5:00PM.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45PM.

Submitted by
Kathy Barnard
March 22, 2011