

Minutes
Pathways Committee
April 20, 2011

Members present: Art Slocum, Jim Nupp, Kathy Barnard
Staff present: Dave Ford, Rob Houseman, Ethan Hipple

Kathy Barnard called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

Dave Ford discussed the Forest Road bike lane proposed project. The original proposed project would require widening the road and shoulders to add bike lanes and pedestrian paths. After consideration it was determined to be a more costly and complicated project than originally contemplated due to the need to obtain permits, easements from abutting property owners, extensive drainage work and increased on going maintenance costs. Also, there are safety issues to consider since the widening could cause an increase in the speed of vehicles using Forest Road.

Dave then presented a plan that would not increase the width of the travel way. The road could be resurfaced, a fog line added, and shar -ros ((bike symbols) placed on the outer edge of the travel lanes thus causing traffic calming. A compacted gravel walkway would then be added to both sides of Forest Road for pedestrian use. The surface would be similar to the surface of the Bridge Falls Path. This project could possibly be done this spring. It would address the safety concerns. The members present favored this plan.

Rob Houseman updated the committee on the bike path construction project. Work is under way at Abenaki and is ahead of schedule. There was a change order required due to unforeseen issues during the construction. The work at Sewall Woods will begin later in May due to wet conditions on the trails. Two more culverts will need to be replaced since they were damaged during the winter/spring thaw. There is a total of 7 culverts, at a cost of \$2,400 each, that may need to be added to the contract. Cal Flagg has talked to the neighbors on Clow Street and made them aware of the work that will be taking place. Once the date to begin work at Sewall Woods has been determined a flier will be given to each resident so they will be aware of the work and the schedule.

Ethan Hipple reported on the 5/13/2011 Bike/Walk Day. There will be 2 refreshment stations - one at Cate Park and one in front of Huggins Hospital.

The next Pathways Committee meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2011, 5:00PM at the Community Center.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00PM

Submitted by
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