

Pathways Committee
July 18, 2012
Meeting minutes

In attendance: Jim Eisenhower, Peter Cole, Vaune Dugan, Barbara Laverick, Jim Nupp, Fred Tedeschi, Dave Ford, Kathy Barnard

The meeting was called to order at 5:05PM.

A motion was made, seconded and all voted in favor of approving the minutes of June 20, 2012.

Jim Eisenhower reported that the Pathways of Wolfeboro account held at WEDCO has a balance of \$45,543 after paying Timber and Stone \$8,941 for work completed at Sewall Woods. Timber and Stone will make repairs to the Abenaki trails later this summer.

Dave Ford (Public Works Director) reported that sharrows will be placed on Bay Street and Waumbeck Road to alert drivers that these roads are frequently used by bikers and walkers.

There was a discussion about improving the pathway that runs from the intersection of Bay Street and 109A to Center Street. There is interest in improving this pathway due to the opening of the new Front Bay park and the addition of a walkway on the sewer line from Harriman Hill to 109A. In the future this area will be more heavily used by walkers and bikers. There was also discussion about adding 2 crosswalks in that area. One crosswalk crossing Bay Street at the intersection of Bay and 109A (this will need BOS approval). The other crossing 109A near Fieldstone Road (this will need NHDOT approval). Dave Ford will look in to possible improvements to the intersection and the pathway. Dave Ford told committee members this is a seasonal path, it is not plowed in the winter and is not considered a sidewalk.

Dave Ford reported he had met with NHDOT representatives regarding more crosswalks near Brewster. Brewster will pay for the installation of the new crosswalks near Brewster. Dave Ford said he would discuss this issue with the BOS and suggest that improved crosswalks are needed along all of South Main Street.

There was a discussion about the condition of Filter Bed Road and improving the conditions for bikers. Dave will determine if magnesium chloride should be put on Filter Bed Road. There was also discussion about improving the conditions along Land Bank Road (a private road) so it can be used for bikers and walkers. There was discussion about possible trails to The Nick from Abenaki. The Town has an easement along the power line. There was also discussion about a tunnel under Center Street so bikers and walkers can safely cross the road to get to the Rail Trail. Dave Ford will find out an approximate cost of a tunnel.

Dave Ford also reported that the State wants to turn Middleton Road over to the Town. The State will give the Town one million dollars and the Town would need to contribute five hundred thousand dollars to the project. This issue will be discussed at a future BOS meeting.

Kathy Barnard reviewed the map prepared by White Mountain Surveyors. This is a map of the whole Town and shows all of the beaches and other places of interest. This map will be placed in at least two downtown locations. Committee members made some suggestions and endorsed this project. This map will also be used by Pathways to further develop a map that can be given to people showing possible walking and biking trails. Kathy Barnard, Jim Nupp and Barbara Laverick will work on this project and report back to the committee this fall.

There was discussion about adding benches along the Sewall Woods trails. Jim Eisenhower will discuss this issue with Lakes Region Conservation Trust.

Peter Cole reported that weeds are growing over the Almost Thayer trail at Abenaki. Jim Eisenhower will talk to Ethan Hipple about maintenance of the trail.

There was discussion about the maintenance of the Sewall Woods trails. Jim Eisenhower will discuss this issue with Rob Houseman.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2012, 5:00PM, at the Community Center.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20PM.

Submitted by
Kathy Barnard
July 22,2012